Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome: Your Eyes And EDS

Exploring the Ocular Effects of Various Collagen Disorders

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Synopsis

Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome Patients (EDS) patients often manifest numerous ocular symptoms. It is important to understand which symptoms may be indicative of an urgent condition and which are merely annoying. Additionally, it can be difficult to know when a symptom is EDS related or is an indication of a non-EDS condition. This summary should help guide both patient and doctor with many pieces of the ocular puzzle, guiding both toward conservative, but not unnecessary, treatment and testing.

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Customer Reviews

Dr. Driscoll has done a fantastic job of condensing the most common eye issues those of us with Ehlers Danlos Syndrome and other connective tissue diseases need to be aware of. She has written this in a balanced way that allows a lay person like myself to gain a better understanding of the eye, how it works, and what risks we need to be aware of. At the same time, it is not overly catered to the lay person. It is written in a way that will appeal to professionals like optometrists and ophthalmologists alike. As a bonus, after purchasing the e-book, Dr. Driscoll invites you to email her to request a `check list' that you can bring with you to your eye care professional. This list highlights
the most common eye related issues your eye care professional may need to be screening for. This list was tremendously helpful during my recent appointment with an ophthalmologist and certainly brought to his attention EDS eye related conditions that he had not been previously aware of. Given his young age, I wonder how many other EDS patients he will now be able to further help in his career after reading Dr. Driscoll’s ‘checklist’? The only other EDS/eye resource I am aware of is a pamphlet available from a popular EDS support network. Although the basics in that pamphlet are certainly helpful, this e-book dives in much, much deeper, giving both patient and doctor the needed insight into the very real eye issues that can and do exist in EDS/connective tissue disease patients. AND….unbelievably, the proceeds from this book are going to research. So it’s a win win all the way around! Thanks Dr. Driscoll!

With all of the symptoms of EDS, we are typically asked which are the top 3 issues that we face at each doctor’s appt. Lack of sleep, fatigue (blood pressure irregularities), and brain fog usually top the list, and all that are typically dealt with at any said appointment. The eye symptoms are often over-looked by me, the patient, as well, as the physician, who is typically not an ophthalmologist. Thank you for bringing my attention to our eyes and the attention we need to give them as patients, as well as our role as informants to our physicians. Thanks for your dedication to EDS research and all of the resources and hope you bring to our lives.

Dr. Diana Driscoll is a life saver, her continuing research has made my life better! I hurt less and am able to function on a normal level everyday thanks to Dr. Diana and her Driscoll theory. If you are suffering from a connective tissue syndrome this is a must read!

All current patients and those suspecting will gain a lot of insight from reading The Revised Driscoll Theory. This includes latest diagnostic theories (perhaps HEDS has a vascular component? why no SNP found yet?) To the efficacy of Diamox for IH and best practices when trialing it. Dr Driscoll brings a fresh perspective to the table informed by both personal and professional insight as both patient and doctor. Well worth the read and every penny - which are all going to fund more research. Recommended.

The book is the most comprehensive source of eye conditions and EDS Its wells illustrated and easy to understand. Well referenced
Just what I needed after bad news at the Optometrist regarding distorted vision. Now I feel prepared for meeting my Opthamologist.

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