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MEDICAL INFORMATION CARD
CARRIED BY THE PATIENT

POTS / Dysautonomia

A heart rate rise of 30 bpm or more on standing is my baseline, not new instability.

- Please take lying and standing vitals. Let me lie flat; I may faint if kept upright.
- IV normal saline (1 L) relieves a flare. Oral fluids and salt help if IV is not needed.
- Use with caution: nitrates and other venodilators, diuretics, alpha-blockers, SNRIs, tricyclics, stimulants. They can worsen tachycardia.
- Often travels with hypermobility and mast cell activation. Please ask.

Diagnosed by Dr. _____ Phone _____

Sources: Lei, Chew, Sheldon, Raj. Cleve Clin J Med 2019;86:333. Sheldon et al, HRS consensus, Heart Rhythm 2015. Verify with the treating physician.

POTS / Dysautonomia: my details

Name _____ DOB _____

Emergency contact _____

Specialist _____ Phone _____

Daily medications _____

Allergies _____

I carry epinephrine ☐ yes ☐ no Other _____

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