Emergency Tips when Caring for an Individual with Cornelia de Lange Syndrome (CdLS)

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1. With sudden and acute abdominal pain, rigid abdomen, consider **volvulus** and/or **bowel obstruction** at any age
2. When presenting with respiratory symptoms and/or pneumonia, consider **gastroesophageal reflux** and aspiration as a cause
3. Seizures can occur at any age
4. Pyloric stenosis has an increased incidence
5. Sudden change in behavior with increased self-injury and aggression may indicate an underlying organic cause
6. Anesthesia can be difficult due to small mouth and chin. We do **not** recommend using Versed for sedation due to reactions.