



# CdLS Foundation

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## Ophthalmology

- An individual with CdLS should have regular evaluations and immunizations with the primary care provider.
- Pediatric ophthalmology evaluation with cycloplegic refraction once or twice annually, as indicated by findings on first examination.
- Be aware that with high myopia (extreme nearsightedness) there is a risk for retinal detachment.
- Blepharitis (crusted eyes) can be safely and effectively managed with baby shampoo washes.
- Follow up with appropriate subspecialists as needed.
- Whenever any surgery is performed, all involved specialists should be consulted in order to maximize the use of anesthesia and so that the individual can undergo diagnostic or management studies as needed at the same time.
- Ensure that the family has the CdLS Medical Alert Card, available from the CdLS Foundation Web site, which would be helpful in an emergency situation (e.g. risk for volvulus).

Support organization information should be given to the family whenever a diagnosis is made:

The CdLS Foundation

1-800-753-2357

[www.CdLSusa.org](http://www.CdLSusa.org).