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WHO statement on AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine safety signals

How is she so uninformed
* She sits on their Board

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Some countries in the European Union have temporarily suspended use of the AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine as a precautionary measure based on reports of rare blood coagulation disorders in persons who had received the vaccine. Other countries in the EU – having considered the same information – have decided to continue using the vaccine in their immunization programmes.

Vaccination against COVID-19 will not reduce illness or deaths from other causes. Thromboembolic events are known to occur frequently. Venous thromboembolism is the third most common cardiovascular disease globally.

In extensive vaccination campaigns, it is routine for countries to signal potential adverse events following immunization. This does not necessarily mean that the events are linked to vaccination itself, but it is good practice to investigate them. It also shows that the surveillance system works and that effective controls are in place.

WHO is in regular contact with the European Medicines Agency and regulators around the world for the latest information on COVID-19 vaccine safety. The WHO COVID-19 Subcommittee of the Global Advisory Committee on Vaccine Safety is carefully assessing the latest available safety data for the AstraZeneca vaccine. Once that review is completed, WHO will immediately communicate the findings to the public.

At this time, WHO considers that the benefits of the AstraZeneca vaccine outweigh its risks and recommends that vaccinations continue.



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Reinforcing Privacy and Access to Information Rights During and After a Pandemic

Resolution of the Federal, Provincial and Territorial Information and Privacy Commissioners

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CONTEXT

- The public health emergency arising from the COVID-19 pandemic has seriously impacted access to information and respect for individual's privacy rights.
- The pandemic has accelerated trends that were ongoing prior to March 2020. It has heightened concerns among the public about increasing surveillance by public bodies and private corporations and has significantly slowed the processing of many access requests and highlighted a need to modernize this system.
- Privacy and access rights are quasi-constitutional rights. Governments have an obligation to protect them. Particularly during an emergency, respect for the privacy and access to information rights of Canadians remains crucial. This also helps demonstrate accountability in times of crisis.
- Access to government information and respect for privacy are essential for governments to be held accountable for their actions and decisions, and to maintain the public's trust in times of widespread crisis. By ensuring confidence in decision-making, design and implementation of emergency measures and the systems that support them, access to information and privacy laws actually promote and assist the health and well-being of individuals and their families.
- The lessons learned during this global crisis should be used to improve access to information and protection of personal data as we recover from the current crisis, not only to become better prepared for emergency situations in the future, but also to help Canadians adapt to the new normal of a digital era that is here to stay.
- Recovery and resumption of activities - supported by innovation, technology and digitization - will only be successful and sustainable when they also protect the interests and rights of all citizens.

THEREFORE

Canada's Information and Privacy Commissioners call on their respective governments to show leadership and apply the following principles in the implementation and the necessary modernization of governance regimes around freedom of information and protection of privacy:

In terms of Access:

- Federal, provincial and territorial institutions must recognize the importance of transparency, and uphold the right of access to information during an emergency by ensuring business continuity plans include measures for processing requests for access.
- Institutional leaders must provide clear guidance and direction on the ongoing importance of information management in this new operating environment, which may include working remotely. Properly documenting institutional decisions and any resulting actions, and organizing and storing such documentation in a manner that enables timely access to such documentation are central to principles of open, transparent and responsible government.
- Governments should emphasize both the proactive and voluntary disclosure of government information - particularly, information of significant public interest related to policy-making, public health, public safety, economy, procurements and benefits.
- Respecting the privacy of individuals is critically important. Public bodies must be open and transparent with non-personal or aggregate-level information that the public needs to know to make informed choices and decisions about how to protect themselves and to ensure fair distribution of risks and benefits among all members of society, including the most vulnerable and marginalized groups.

Ontario recommends Pfizer shots instead of Moderna for young adults over possible heart risks

'I know that this news may make some people nervous.... But the benefits of vaccination continue to significantly outweigh the risks of COVID-19'

<https://nationalpost.com/health/ontario-recommends-pfizer-shots-over-moderna-for-young-adults-over-possible-heart-risks>

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"I just want to be clear: We've had no fatalities whatsoever associated with this complication related to this rare side effect of this vaccine," Dr. Kieran Moore, Ontario's chief medical officer of health, told a media briefing Wednesday.

Moore said the decision to issue a "preferential recommendation" was ultimately his, based on a "very small but observed increase" of myocarditis, or inflammation of the heart muscle, and pericarditis, inflammation of the sac around the heart, following vaccination with Moderna compared to Pfizer in 18- to 24-year-olds, particularly among males.

Healthcare & Pharmaceuticals

Heart inflammation rates higher after Moderna COVID-19 vaccine - Canada data

Reuters

<https://www.reuters.com/business/healthcare-pharmaceuticals/heart-inflammation-rates-higher-after-moderna-covid-19-shot-than-pfizer-vaccine-2021-10-01/>

Oct 1 (Reuters) - Canadian health officials said on Friday data suggests reported cases of rare heart inflammation were relatively higher after Moderna's (MRNA.O) COVID-19 vaccine compared with the Pfizer/BioNTech shots (PFE.N).

The data also indicated heart inflammation occurs more often in adolescents and adults under 30 years of age, and more often in males.

The statement from the Public Health Agency of Canada said majority of the affected individuals experienced relatively mild illness and recovered quickly.

The risk of cardiac complications, including heart inflammation, has been shown to be substantially increased following COVID-19 infections, with the risks higher after the infection than after vaccination, according to the statement.

Moderna Vaccine Gets “Cancelled’ Over Side Effects

increased risk of heart inflammation... myocarditis and pericarditis

<https://www.redvoicemedia.com/2021/10/moderna-vaccine-gets-cancelled-over-side-effects/>

By Zach Heilman

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On Wednesday, Sweden and Denmark announced that they would stop using Moderna’s Covid-19 vaccine for younger age groups after numerous reports of rare side effects such as myocarditis.

The Swedish Health Agency has stopped using the vaccine for anyone born in 1991 or later after receiving data that shows an increased risk of myocarditis and pericarditis in youth and young adults who have received the vaccine. Both conditions cause an inflammation of the lining around the heart.

Study links Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine to eye inflammation

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<https://canadianmale.wordpress.com/2021/08/08/study-links-pfizer-covid-19-vaccine-to-eye-inflammation/>

A recent multicenter study linked the Pfizer coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccine to uveitis, a form of eye infection that affects the middle layer of tissue in the eye wall that can cause eye redness, pain and blurred vision.

The study led by Zohar Habet-Wilner was conducted at Rambam Health Care Campus, Galilee Medical Center, Shaare Zedek Medical Center, Sheba Medical Center in Tel Hashomer, Kaplan Medical Center and Tel Aviv’s Sourasky Medical Center.

Habet-Wilner, who heads the Uveitis Service at Sourasky Medical Center, found that 21 people who received two shots of the Pfizer vaccine developed uveitis within one to 14 days after receiving their first shot or within one day to a month after the second.

"All the patients in the study met the World Health Organization and Naranjo criteria linking the onset of uveitis to the vaccination. This time frame is consistent with other reports of uveitis following various vaccines." Habot-Wilner said.

She added that patients with other diseases that could have been related to uveitis were under control before vaccination. None of the patients had any changes in their systemic treatments for at least six months before getting the vaccine.

FDA adds warning about rare heart inflammation to Pfizer, Moderna Covid vaccines

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