

VACCINATIONS - FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS RELATED TO THE PGDs – Pfizer & AstraZeneca		
	Questions	Response
1.	<p>I am on blood thinning medication such as: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Warfarin ➤ NOACs or heparin or antiplatelets – Apixaban, Rivaroxiban, Deltaparin, enoxaparin, clopidrogel <p>OR - A mixture of the above blood-thinning medication*</p>	<p>For warfarin if INR known should ideally be under 4.5 or if INR not known, patient stable on warfarin and no significant bleeding/bruising -> Give Vaccine BUT hold gauze swab to puncture site for min 2-3 mins - (<u>DO NOT RUB</u>)</p> <p>Give vaccine BUT hold gauze swab to puncture site for min 2-3 mins - (<u>DO NOT RUB</u>)</p> <p>*Discuss with Medical Advice line before proceeding</p>
2.	<p>I am pregnant but have no additional risk factors</p> <p>I have had the vaccination but now realise I am pregnant, do I need to worry?</p> <p>Should I have a COVID-19 vaccine if I plan to become pregnant?</p> <p>I had the first vaccination, I am now pregnant, should I have my second vaccination?</p> <p>I am breast feeding/planning on breast-feeding, can I be vaccinated/receive my second vaccination?</p> <p>Will the vaccines cause infertility?</p>	<p>Specific clinical trials have not been done. Patients should discuss this with their GP/obstetrician/midwife prior to being referred for vaccination (with a letter summarising discussions). They can then can be vaccinated (but this needs a PSD signed by a registered prescriber (doctor, nurse prescriber, pharmacist)) [we are setting up a pathway to make this easier]</p> <p>There is no known risk but please do advise your GP/obstetrician/midwife at your routine appointments. Termination of pregnancy is not recommended.</p> <p>Women who are trying to become pregnant do not need to avoid pregnancy after both vaccinations.</p> <p>Delay the second dose until after the pregnancy is over; or after discussing this with their GP/obstetrician/midwife they are referred for vaccination (with a letter summarising discussions). They can then can be vaccinated (but this needs a PSD signed by a registered prescriber (doctor, nurse prescriber, pharmacist))</p> <p>There is no known risk. Patients should still be offered vaccination (under the PGD – a PSD is not needed)</p> <p>There is no evidence and no reason to believe that either vaccine will cause infertility.</p>

3.	<p>Can I have the vaccine if I am allergic / Anaphylaxis to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ A drug – ie <i>Penicillin</i> ➤ A group of Drugs ➤ Insect bites / stings ➤ Food substances ➤ Metals ➤ Xray Contrast ➤ Other non-Covid vaccinations :-eg-Flu <p>➤ **Polyethylene Glycol - PEG (used in bowel prep (eg macrogol))</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Yes proceed with vaccination ➤ Yes proceed with vaccination (either) ➤ Yes proceed with vaccination <p>Observe Patient for a minimum additional 15 mins (Minimum 30 mins for Pfizer, Minimum 15 mins for AstraZeneca)</p> <p>**The Pfizer Vaccine <u>does contain PEG</u>, therefore avoid this specific vaccine. AstraZeneca <u>does not contain PEG</u>, therefore patients who may be known to have an allergy specific to PEG should be referred for the AstraZeneca vaccine instead, which is safe for them to receive.</p> <p>Some patients are particularly anxious about anaphylaxis and may wish to have Astrazeneca vaccine – this can be arranged at the mass vaccination centres (eg Millennium Point. High risk anaphylaxis patients being vaccinated at hospital (usually QE ITM Mon – Fri), will usually receive Pfizer</p>
4.	<p>Can I have the vaccine if I have had an anaphylactic reaction to an unknown trigger?</p> <p>What if multiple unrelated severe reactions?</p>	<p>Refer patient for the AstraZeneca vaccine and patient must <u>wait 30 mins post vaccine</u></p> <p>These high risk anaphylaxis patients may be vaccinated at hospital - will usually receive Pfizer.</p>
5.	<p>Can I have the 2nd dose of vaccine if I have had an Anaphylactic or Anaphylactoid response to the previous Covid vaccination?</p> <p>Can I have the 2nd dose of vaccine if I fainted or had a reaction to the previous vaccination?</p>	<p>Do not give, refer to Medical Advice Line &/or immunologists.</p> <p>Yes but observe for 15-30mins after vaccination.</p>
6.	<p>What should I do if I have a letter from a GP advising never to have any other vaccines?</p>	<p>Refer to Medical Advice Line</p>
7.	<p>What if I have had another vaccination within the last 7 days?</p>	<p><u>Do not give any Covid Vaccine</u> – Request patient rebooks appointment once the 7 day period has passed – also inform patient to refrain from having any other vaccines between 1st and 2nd dose of Covid vaccine once they do receive it.</p>
8.	<p>How long after having Coronavirus infection can I have the vaccine?</p>	<p>A minimum of 28 days from the start of the illness /significant symptoms. If severely unwell, recommend patient allows a minimum of 28 days from start of recovery</p>
9.	<p>How long after a positive COVID test can I have the vaccination?</p>	<p>Some patients may continue to have a positive test after recovering from covid infection,</p>

		they can be vaccinated. A patient with a new positive covid test should wait 28 days.
10.	Can I have the vaccine if I have an Autoimmune condition, or on immunosuppressant drugs or Hormone deficiency?	Yes proceed with vaccination
11.	Can I have the vaccination if I am currently having chemotherapy/ Radiotherapy or have had within the past 12 months?	Yes proceed with vaccination
12.	What if I have had a previous local reaction to the flu jab or other vaccinations	Not contraindicated – proceed with Covid Vaccine
13.	Can I have the vaccine if I have been diagnosed with:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Thalassaemia ➤ Sickle cell traits or disease ➤ Migraine ➤ Anaemia ➤ transverse myelitis- then possible contraindications 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Yes proceed with vaccination ➤ GP should refer to Immunologist before proceeding

VACCINATORS' MEDICAL ADVICE LINE

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