



The COVID vaccine; Myths and facts



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MYTH: Some of the COVID-19 vaccines are live

FACT: None of the vaccines currently in development are traditional “live” vaccines, this means they don’t contain active virus and are therefore suitable for patients receiving immunosuppression.

MYTH: Doctors want to force people to be vaccinated

FACT: People are encouraged to make up their own minds based on factual information not myths, for some patients there are many things to consider when accepting the vaccine.

MYTH: The vaccines were developed too quickly to be safe

FACT: The speed of development might make people concerned, so it is important to say that corners have not been cut. During the development of the vaccines, regulators and researchers have worked in parallel and avoided delays.

MYTH: The COVID-19 vaccine is not Halal

FACT: All of the currently available Covid-19 vaccines contain no pork or animal products. Most previous vaccines have been declared halal by the majority of scholarly bodies worldwide.

MYTH: The COVID-19 vaccine causes irreversible side effects

FACT: No patient so far has suffered from irreversible side effects in trials or in the population. It is normal to have certain reactions after a vaccination. There may be redness, swelling or pain around the injection site. Tiredness, fever, headache and aching limbs are also not uncommon in the first three days after vaccination.

MYTH: I don't need the vaccine if I've had COVID

FACT: It is not known how long protection remains after having the virus so it's just as important to have the vaccine.

MYTH: The vaccines contain alcohol and are therefore impermissible

FACT: The Oxford AZ vaccine contains ethanol at an amount that is less than what is found in natural foods such as bread, many scholars have deemed the vaccine permissible.

Need more information?

For updated guidance and information you can visit the Kidney Care UK website at; <http://bit.ly/3pZlpKs>

For patient to patient support you can join the Greater Manchester/Cheshire and Merseyside Kidney Information Network on Facebook (GMKIN/CaMKIN)

For any specific concerns relating to your care or the vaccine, please contact your renal team or GP.

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