

COVID-19 VACCINATION

Results of a staff survey conducted Jan-Feb 2021



BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY

- The information for staff information document was based on the results of a national survey sent to renal staff from mid-January 2021 until 8 February 2021.
- Vaccine hesitancy was mostly around safety of the vaccine, fertility, allergy and Covid-19 antibodies. Detailed results are shown in the following slides
- An information document was developed and aimed to help those who are uncertain and/or could be used to support colleagues to discuss these specific issues with those who are hesitant
- <https://renal.org/health-professionals/covid-19/covid-19-vaccination/vaccine-information>



ANN UK VACCINATION SURVEY FEB 2021



552 responses

69% received 1 or 2 vaccines

329 (60%) nurses

17 (3%) non-registered nurses

79 (14%) AHPs

73 (13%) doctors

56 (10%) others

85 not been offered (15% of all respondents)
28 offered but could not make the appointment 5% of all respondents)

50 do not wish to have it at present time (9% of all respondents)

Reasons (respondents ticked all that applied)

27 not enough info
21 speed of roll-out

16 content of vaccine
25 side-effects
1 I do not believe in vaccination

36 Other (comments)



NUMBERS OF RESPONDENTS WITH SPECIFIC CONCERNS

7 Pregnancy / breastfeeding

7 Hoping to become pregnant “no evidence that vaccine does not affect fertility”

4 Anaphylaxis /allergy

3 Have antibodies - would like to know antibody status first

2 Waiting for Oxford vaccine

“the other has not had stage 3 trial”

“feel the oxford vaccine is safer”



FREE TEXT COMMENTS

“No faith in leadership = no faith in vaccine. Since beginning of pandemic, only 400 under age of 60 have died. The vast majority of those who have it recover”

“I will allow my own immunity to fight the virus”

“Need to prioritise high risk individuals”

“Lots of unanswered questions”

“Seems pointless when there is so little data on transmission”

“Concerned about time between 1st/2nd vaccination”

“Individuals need to be tested for antibodies prior to vaccination...”



STAFF INFORMATION SHEET – EXAMPLE

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The Renal Association and British Renal Society are working with other professional societies, patient organisations, and industry partners to support renal services and the patients they care for during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Fertility

There is no evidence to suggest that COVID-19 vaccines will affect fertility.

Claims of any effect of COVID-19 vaccination on fertility are speculative and not supported by any data.

There is no biologically plausible mechanism by which current vaccines would cause any impact on women's fertility.

The Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists has issued this statement:

<https://www.rcog.org.uk/en/news/RCOG-and-RCM-respond-to-misinformation-around-Covid-19-vaccine-and-fertility/>

<https://renal.org/health-professionals/covid-19>

