

Questions to Get Answered By a Healthcare Professional BEFORE Giving Consent for a COVID-19 Vaccine

About the Person Administering the Vaccine

1. Take the name of the person administering the vaccine.
2. Ask what their Healthcare position is? Doctor / Nurse / Other
3. Ask what process you follow or who you contact in case of an adverse event
4. Ask who is responsible in case of an adverse event (side effect).

About the Vaccine

1. Which vaccine brand do you intend to give me? (Pfizer, Moderna, Astra Zeneca) (At the time of writing the J&J vaccine is not yet being given)
2. Is the vaccine fully approved for use or is it still under Temporary Use Authorisation?
3. Am I participating in a clinical trial?
4. What are the vaccine ingredients (Ask for Patient Information Leaflet PIL)
5. How long is the vaccine effective for and how often will I need a booster?
6. Has this kind of vaccine been used on humans before?
7. What testing has been done on humans and how does this compare with the testing normally carried out for a new vaccine?

About You

1. What is the main reason for you taking the vaccine? (Is it health or freedom related?)
2. How many otherwise healthy people in my age group have died of COVID-19?
3. Given my age and health:
 - a) What is the likelihood of me catching the virus?
 - b) What are the risks of me dying of COVID-19?
 - c) What is the risk of me requiring hospitalisation due to COVID-19?
4. What data is available about natural immunity including from past COVID-19 infection and T Cell immunity to other coronaviruses?

Benefits

1. What are the health benefits to me of having this vaccine?
2. Will the vaccine stop me catching, transmitting, or suffering from the virus?

Risks

1. What are the short-term risks from the vaccine?
2. What are the long-term risks from the vaccine?
3. Have these been studied, and if so, how?
4. Where can I find information about reported side effects?
5. Where can I find information about any deaths following administration of the vaccine?
6. Has the manufacturer ever been sued for any other vaccine or pharmaceutical harms?
7. Is the manufacturer liable for any harm (or damage) caused to me by the vaccine?
8. If I am on other medication are there any side effects I need to know about? What studies have been done?

Alternative Treatments

1. Are there lifestyle and dietary changes I could make to improve my overall health and immune system?
2. Are there treatment protocols for COVID-19 that use well established medicines with good safety records, if I decide not to have the vaccine?

Specific Questions for Pregnant Women

1. What is the risk of me experiencing anything more than mild symptoms of COVID-19?
2. What is the risk of me or the baby dying of Covid-19?
3. Are there any known side effects of the ingredients harmful to me or the baby?
4. What is known about the effect of the vaccine on fertility, pregnancy, or menstrual cycles?
5. Have there been any:
 - a) Miscarriages or foetal defects reported post vaccination?
 - b) Issues raised concerning fertility?
 - c) Issues or problems relating to menstruation and / or ovaries?