

Senator Gerard Rennick question taken on notice:

QUESTION 1

Have you read the product assessment report for the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine?

Just for the record, it's been released by the TGA. It's not a conspiracy theory, just so that Senator Pratt is aware of that. On page 27, it talks about the results of the testing on the Pfizer trial, and it shows that people who received a COVID vaccine had a 250 per cent greater risk of a nervous system disorder than someone who got the placebo. I'll also note that there was actually missing information on the use of the vaccine in frail patients with comorbidities, including chronic neurological disease and cardiovascular disorder. Given the lack of evidence in the trials around the COVID-19 vaccine, are you still convinced that there is no risk at all from vaccine injury in regard to people getting strokes?

Dr Lisa Murphy, CEO of Stroke Foundation response:

Stroke Foundation does not have the clinical authority to provide advice or set standards with regard to immunisation in Australia, as we do for stroke treatment and care through the Living Clinical Guidelines for Stroke Management. With regard to the safety and efficacy of vaccinations, we defer to the advice of the relevant health authorities, in this case the Australian Government's Department of Health and Aged Care and the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA).

The Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine that is in use in Australia has met the high safety, efficacy and quality standards of the TGA, and the TGA is actively monitoring the safety of this vaccine so that they are able to rapidly detect, investigate and respond to any emerging safety issues.

In the advice Stroke Foundation provides to the stroke community via our website (www.strokefoundation.org.au) and other owned communication channels regarding vaccination for COVID-19, which is guided by our Clinical Council (an expert advisory committee made up of clinicians), we include information on the risk of side effects following vaccination. We state that people should refer to the Australian Government's current advice on the COVID-19 vaccine program and speak with their GP or neurologist if they have any concerns about side effects from the COVID-19 vaccination.

QUESTION 2

Have you read the non-clinical evaluation report released by the TGA in regard to the biochemistry of the vaccine? In particular, have you noted the fact that, on page 19, the vaccine uses mRNA that has been optimised to increase the expression of the spike protein, and that the vaccine spike protein has been found to last for up to at least 60 days in the blood of people who have received a COVID vaccination?

Are you aware that the natural nucleotide uridine was replaced with methylpseudouridine for the purpose of ensuring that the mRNA lasts for longer in the body than the normal, natural mRNA?

Are you aware that a normal dose, or a standard dose, a 30 micron dose, of the COVID vaccine had 13 trillion mRNA strands in it that are capable of producing at least up to 100 spike proteins for each mRNA strand, which is a much greater dose than the body would receive from a natural virus?

The reason why I asked that is because the spike protein has been shown to damage the heart, the veins and the arteries. I would have thought that the Stroke Foundation would be interested in the impact of the long-lasting spike protein from the vaccine, the impact on the cardiovascular system, clotting and then strokes.

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