
Your answers to patient questions matter. Your strong recommendation can help them make an informed decision and feel confident about getting vaccinated against COVID-19.

Talking with patients

» COVID-19 vaccine safety is a top priority for the federal government, and all reports of health problems following COVID-19 vaccination are taken very seriously.

» What experts and I believe is that the known and potential benefits of the J&J/Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine outweigh its known and potential risks.

» I strongly encourage you to get a COVID-19 vaccine that we both feel comfortable with you receiving.

Discuss risk with your patients:

There had been more than nearly 8 million doses of the J&J/Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine administered as of April 23, 2021. Since COVID-19 vaccines were first used in the United States, scientists and doctors have continuously and carefully reviewed all reports of vaccine side effects.

Data suggest the J&J/Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine is likely associated with a rare side effect that involves blood clots with low platelets.

Nearly all reports of this serious condition have been in adult women younger than 50 years old.

We know the safety systems are in place are working.

COVID-19 vaccines have undergone and will continue to undergo the most intensive safety monitoring in U.S. history.

Reports showed that symptoms of this side effect started between 6 and 15 days after vaccination. These reports occurred in about 7 per 1 million vaccinations among women 18 through 49 years of age, and .9 per 1 million among women 50 years and older.

Summary: The available data show that the vaccine’s known and potential benefits outweigh its known and potential risks.


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