

# Are Covid-19 vaccines safe for the elderly?

As a general rule, elderly people are at higher risk from Covid-19 infections than are younger people. A number of factors are likely to be behind this increased risk including the fact that many elderly people may be more likely to be seriously deficient in vitamin D [1] and/or have pre-existing medical conditions such as cardiovascular disease that makes them more vulnerable to complications from a SARS-CoV-2 infection.

Unfortunately, some reports coming in from overseas suggest that elderly people may also be more at risk of having an adverse outcome following Covid-19 vaccination.

As of March 11, 2021, the US VAERS system has had 1739 reports of death following Covid-19 vaccination and the average age of the people who had died was 77.9 years. (The youngest person to die was just 18 years old.) [2]

Please note that deaths following vaccination may be reported to VAERS in advance of a formal determination of whether or not the vaccination was the cause of the person's death so it is possible that not all of these deaths may be vaccine-related.

In addition to deaths reported to VAERS, there are reports coming in from many different parts of the world where the Pfizer/BioNTech mRNA Covid-19 has been in use for some months.

A few examples are below.

## **Shocking whistleblower testimony from a German nursing home**

One of the most disturbing reports comes from Berlin, Germany, where a whistleblower gave an interview about the deaths of elderly people at a nursing home for people with dementia.

According to an English translation of the German report [3]: “Eight of 31 seniors, who suffered from dementia but were in good physical condition according to their age before the vaccination, died. The first death occurred after only six days, and five other seniors died approximately 14 days after vaccination.” They had all tested negative for corona virus “a few days” prior to being vaccinated. (The vaccine that they were administered was the Pfizer/BioNTEch mRNA Covid-19 vaccine known as “Comirnaty”. The NZ government has ordered 10 million doses of this vaccine – enough for 5 million people.)

According to the article, some of the residents began to experience symptoms on the day that the vaccine was administered:

“Already on the day of vaccination, four of the vaccinated seniors began to show unusual symptoms. In the evening of that day they were fatigued and extremely tired, some of them fell asleep at the table during dinner. A sharp drop in blood oxygen saturation was noted. In the further course, the leaden fatigue continued, the oxygen saturation in the blood remained insufficient, in some cases gasping breathing occurred, and fever, edema, skin rash, a yellowish-gray discoloration of the skin, and a (characteristic) muscle tremor of the upper body and arms occurred.”

The first dose of the vaccine was administered to the residents (for whom consent had been given by a family member) on January 3, 2021.

“On January 24, 2021, the second dose of Comirnaty was applied to 21 seniors. After this vaccination, according to the whistleblower, eleven seniors are now showing persistent extreme fatigue, partially gasping for breath, edema, skin rash, and the yellowish-grayish skin discoloration. As of February 10, 2021, none of the seniors who received the second dose of Comirnaty has died, but the health of some of the seniors in this group is steadily deteriorating.” [3]

By clicking on the image above you will be able to access a video of an interview with the whistleblower in German with English subtitles.

### **Deaths reported in elderly in Norway following vaccination with the Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine**

In Norway, deaths of elderly people following vaccination with the Pfizer/BioNTech mRNA Covid-19 vaccine have been documented and in January 2021 the Norwegian Medicines Agency provided a statement to Bloomberg:

“There are 13 deaths that have been assessed, and we are aware of another 16 deaths that are currently being assessed.”

According to the agency the deaths occurred in “elderly people with serious basic disorders.”

People who had died had experienced the “expected side effects of the vaccine, such as nausea and vomiting, fever, local reactions at the injection site, and worsening of their underlying condition.” [4]

According to an article in the *BMJ* on January 15, 2021, a spokesperson from the Norwegian Medicines Agency said:

“We are now asking for doctors to continue with the vaccination, but to carry out extra evaluation of very sick people whose underlying condition might be aggravated by it.’ This evaluation includes discussing the risks and benefits of vaccination with the patient and their families to decide whether or not vaccination is the best course.” [5]

### **Deaths in the United Kingdom after Covid-19 vaccinations**

A local news outlet reported that more than one third of residents of a nursing home died after what is reported as being a Covid-19 outbreak that occurred “as residents began to have their first coronavirus vaccines”. [6] (The brand of vaccine that the residents received was not specified in the report but appears to be most likely to have been the Pfizer/BioNTech mRNA Covid-19 vaccine as the Oxford-AstraZeneca Covid-19 vaccine had been given “authorisation for temporary supply” in the UK only on December 30, 2021 which means it would probably would not have been available to the nursing home in the days prior to the January 6 outbreak.) [7] The news outlet reported that these deaths were due to Covid-19 rather than being due to the vaccine.

In light of the attribution of these deaths to Covid-19, it is interesting to note that a cardiothoracic surgeon has warned that vaccination of people who be carrying SARS-CoV-2 without any symptoms may pose higher than normal risks of thromboembolic complications after vaccination. [8] (Older people who may have pre-existing cardiovascular disease are generally more at risk from developing blood clots as a complication of a SARS-CoV-2 infection and may also be more likely to be at risk of developing blood clots caused by exposure to the spike protein generated by their own cells after vaccination.)

Also, after vaccination with the Pfizer/BioNTech Covid-19 vaccine, the levels of a type of white blood cell (lymphocytes) fall temporarily [9] which may make people more susceptible to viral infections during that time period. [10]

From the symptoms described in the patients of the Berlin nursing home who were vaccinated with Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine, some symptoms that occurred after vaccination (such as difficulty breathing and low oxygen levels) could be mistaken for a SARS-CoV-2 infection (or another infection) in the absence of a comprehensive diagnostic work-up including taking samples from patients for viral culture.

It is also worth noting that the Oxford-AstraZeneca Covid-19 “viral vector” vaccine contains a genetically engineered virus designed to force recipients’ cells to create the spike protein from SARS-CoV-2 and some people have developed high fevers after being injected with it. Such symptoms might also be mistaken for Covid-19. [11]

### **Health professional whistleblower in North America reports deaths and health problems in survivors after nursing home residents are given Covid-19 vaccinations**

Another tragic example of deterioration and death of elderly people, this time in North America is available via the video made by a Certified Nursing Assistant in which he describes the health decline and deaths of some of the elderly people at his workplace after Covid-19n vaccinations were administered to residents.

According to a report based on his video:

“James reports that in 2020 very few residents in the nursing home where he works got sick with COVID, and none of them died during the entire year of 2020.

“However, shortly after administering the Pfizer experimental mRNA injections, 14 died within two weeks, and he reports that many others are near death.”

Some of the residents who are still alive are in very poor health:

After their “being injected with the mRNA shot, residents who used to walk on their own can no longer walk. Residents who used to carry on an intelligent conversation with him could no longer talk.” [12]

(The video is available to view at the reference link, below. It does make upsetting viewing as James is obviously distressed at what has happened to the elderly people he looks after – or used to look after.)

By clicking on the image above you will be able to access a video made by a Certified Nursing Assistant relating how some of the residents in the nursing home where he worked become ill and died following a Covid-19 vaccination programme in his workplace.

## **Two residents of an aged care home in Australia die within days of vaccination**

The Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) has launched an enquiry after two men in an aged care home in Australia died within days of being vaccinated with the Pfizer/BioNTech mRNA Covid-19 vaccine. The men were vaccinated on March 10, 2021 and a 93-year-old man died from pneumonia the next day. A man in his 80s also developed pneumonia and died on March 14. [13]. The men were in good health prior to receiving the vaccination.

The Mingaletta Aged Care Home in Port Macquarie has a capacity to cater for 110 residents [14] and in 2012 received an excellent audit report. (There were 61 people living in the home at the time of the audit.) [15] Assuming 100% occupancy and a 100% vaccination rate, the deaths of two men would calculate out as a 1.8% fatality rate within just four days of the Pfizer/BioNTech mRNA Covid-19 vaccination. If the home were not at full capacity and/or some of the residents declined to be vaccinated, the short term fatality rate following the administration of this vaccine at this aged care home may well have been significantly higher.

## **American healthcare worker speaks out after developing a disabling medical condition following Covid-19 vaccination**

Residents of nursing homes are not the only people potentially at risk from Covid-19 vaccines; staff are also at risk.

The women you can see in videos on the link below have both developed problems with debilitating involuntary movements following Covid-19 vaccination. (One of the women received the Pfizer mRNA Covid-19 vaccine and the other received the Moderna mRNA Covid-19 vaccine.)

<https://healthimpactnews.com/2021/louisiana-woman-convulses-uncontrollably-after-being-injected-with-the-experimental-pfizer-covid-shot-i-cant-stand-to-see-my-mom-this-way-it-makes-me-want-to-cry-knowing-i-cant-do-anything-to/>

Shawn Skelton, who received the Moderna mRNA Covid-19 vaccine, is an aged care worker and an update on her situation (including a short video interview) may be found at this link <https://www.tristatehomepage.com/news/top-stories/oakland-city-woman-protesting-vaccine-reports-side-effects/>

It is very concerning that one major chain that runs aged care homes in NZ seems to think that it is acceptable to make injection with the Pfizer mRNA Covid-19 vaccine a condition of employment at its facilities. [16]

(It would seem to be a good idea for anyone who is looking for work in this part of the health sector to seek legal advice from a competent lawyer as to whether such a discriminatory policy is lawful.)

## Conclusion

The examples above should suffice to show that the Covid-19 vaccines which have been rushed to market prior to the completion of clinical trials [17] may pose a significant threat to the health of elderly people.

If you are elderly (or are entrusted with making medical decision on behalf of an elderly friend or relative) please inform yourself about the different treatment options available for Covid-19 *prior* to making a decision about whether or not to accept the offer of a Covid-19 vaccine.

One of these treatment options, ivermectin, is being used as a prophylactic treatment for Covid-19 in some countries, as well as being used to treat people who have active infections. (See this link for details: <https://therealnews.nz/2021/01/19/is-ivermectin-the-miracle-drug-that-could-end-the-covid-19-pandemic/> ) Other treatment options are detailed in Issue 1 of The Real News which may be downloaded for free from this link [www.therealnews.nz](http://www.therealnews.nz) )

The potential risks of the Covid-19 vaccine that is currently in use in NZ (the Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine brand name “COMIRNATY”) are discussed in an article at the following link. <https://therealnews.nz/2021/02/14/does-the-nz-datasheet-for-the-pfizer-biontech-covid-19-vaccine-comirnaty-provide-sufficient-information-to-facilitate-informed-decision-making/>

**Editor’s note:** *This article may also be read on the website of The Real News at the following link:* <https://therealnews.nz/2021/04/02/are-covid-19-vaccines-safe-for-the-elderly/>.

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[3] <https://2020news.de/en/whistleblower-from-berlin-nursing-home-the-terrible-dying-after-vaccination/> (The English translation has probably been done with an AI program deepl.com so the English is not perfect.)

The original German is here: <https://2020news.de/whistleblower-aus-berliner-altenheim-das-schreckliche-sterben-nach-der-impfung/>

A video that includes an interview with the whistleblower (with English subtitles) is available here: <https://childrenshealthdefense.org/defender/german-nursing-home-residents-died-pfizer-vaccine/> (has video with English subtitles)

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