

OXFORD-ASTRAZENECA  
COVID-19 VACCINE

**FAQ ON**

**BLOOD**

**CLOTS**



# CONTEXT

THE SAFETY COMMITTEE OF THE EUROPEAN MEDICINES AGENCY (EMA) FOUND A POSSIBLE LINK BETWEEN **UNUSUAL BLOOD CLOTS WITH LOW BLOOD PLATELETS** AND THE **OXFORD-ASTRAZENECA COVID-19 VACCINE** (VAXZEVRIA).



## WHAT KIND OF BLOOD CLOTS?

THE PRAC (EMA'S SAFETY COMMITTEE) NOTED THAT BLOOD CLOTS OCCURRED IN (VEINS IN) THE :



### **BRAIN**

CEREBRAL VENOUS SINUS THROMBOSIS (CVST)



### **ARTERIES**



### **ABDOMEN**

SPLANCHNIC VEIN THROMBOSIS

TOGETHER WITH **LOW BLOOD PLATELETS** AND SOMETIMES **BLEEDING**

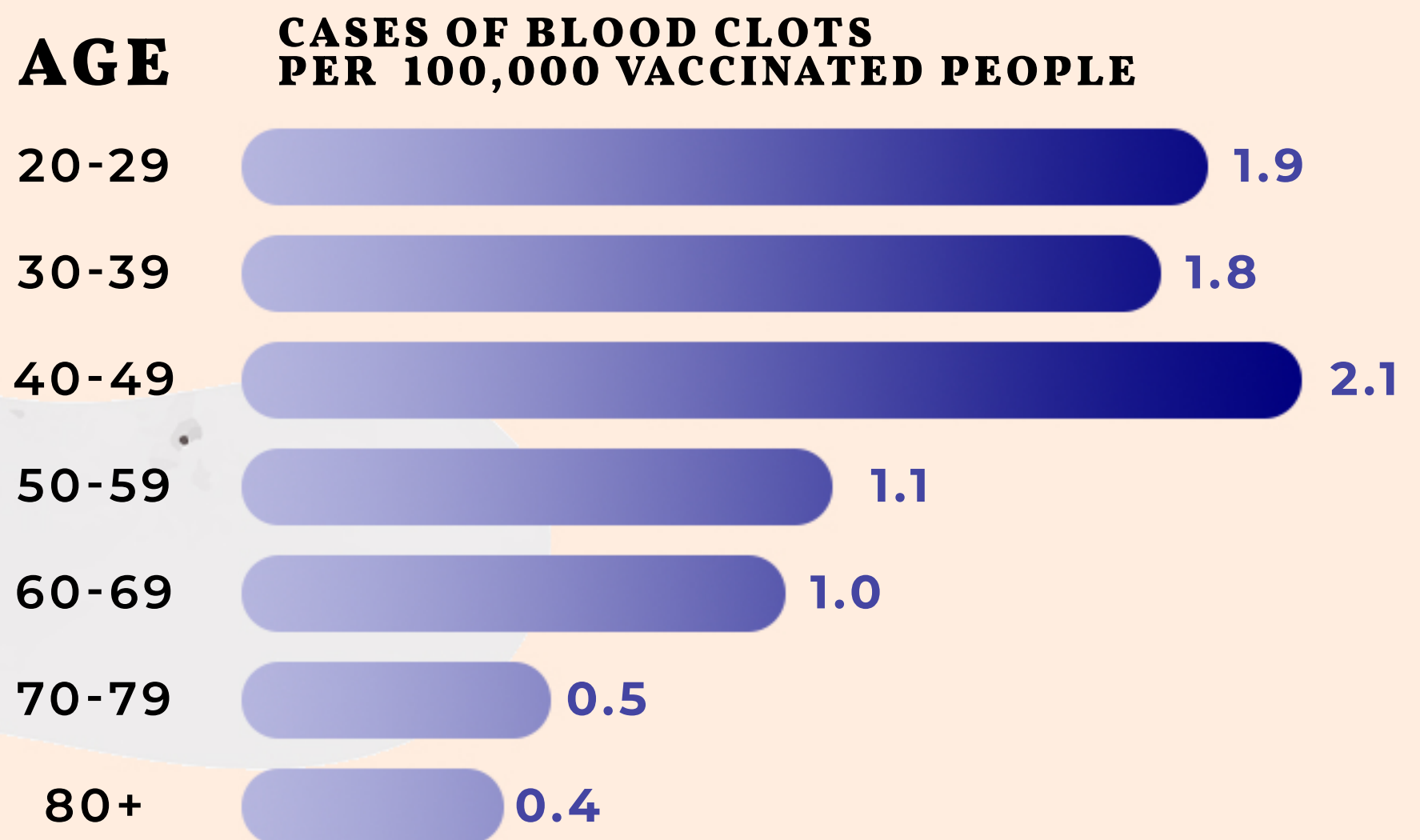


# WHAT DO THE STATISTICS SAY?

ACCORDING TO THE EMA'S HUMAN MEDICINES COMMITTEE (CHMP), THE BLOOD CLOTS ARE ESTIMATED TO OCCUR IN

# 1 IN 100,000 VACCINATED PEOPLE

WHILE OCCURENCES DECREASE WITH INCREASING AGE.



# ADVICE ON BLOOD CLOTS

IF YOU HAVE TAKEN THE ASTRAZENECA VACCINE, YOU MUST **SEEK URGENT MEDICAL ATTENTION IMMEDIATELY** IF YOU HAVE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING SYMPTOMS **WITHIN 3 WEEKS OF YOUR INJECTION:**



**SHORTNESS OF BREATH**



**LEG PAIN OR SWELLING**



**CHEST PAIN**



**PERSISTENT ABDOMINAL PAIN**



**UNUSUAL SKIN BRUISING OR PINPOINT ROUND SPOTS BEYOND INJECTION SITE**



**NEUROLOGICAL SYMPTOMS**

SUCH AS  
- SEVERE/PERSISTENT HEADACHES  
- BLURRED VISION  
- CONFUSION  
- SEIZURES

YOU **MUST NOT RECEIVE YOUR SECOND DOSE** OF THE ASTRAZENECA VACCINE IF YOU HAVE HAD BLOOD CLOTS WITH LOW BLOOD PLATELETS AFTER RECEIVING THE FIRST DOSE.



# STAY SAFE, GET VACCINATED!



**DESPITE THIS, THE BENEFITS OF  
TAKING THE ASTRAZENECA  
VACCINE STILL OUTWEIGH THE  
RISKS OF TAKING IT**

HOWEVER, DO BE SURE TO TAKE NOTE  
OF THE SYMPTOMS OF BLOOD CLOTS  
AND SEEK IMMEDIATE MEDICAL  
ATTENTION IF REQUIRED.

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