Is the COVID-19 vaccine safe for people with pre-existing allergies? | Dr. Al Johnson Transcript

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Bells palsy

Side effects

Can it kill me

two british people with severe allergies two british people with severe allergies apparently had reactions to apparently had reactions to pfizer by on text covet 19 vaccine pfizer by on text covet 19 vaccine raising questions about raising questions about whether it's safe for people with whether it's safe for people with pre-existing allergies so let's get the pre-existing allergies so let's get the facts joining us on the coco news live facts joining us on the coco news live line dr line dr al johnson and when we're talking about al johnson and when we're talking about allergies allergies allergies what are we talking about hay fever or what are we talking about hay fever or something else something else uh in this case we're talking about uh in this case we're talking about something else something else okay what was it well okay what was it well what what appeared to happen in these what what appeared to happen in these people people people uh from the reports that i read is that uh from the reports that i read is that two two two or four people had a bell's palsy type or four people had a bell's palsy type reaction reaction reaction where you get facial weakness and where you get facial weakness and that implies that something has been that implies that something has been reactivated probably reactivated probably with the vaccine we know when you get with the vaccine we know when you get the vaccine it activates your immune the vaccine it activates your immune system system system and part of that can be and part of that can be affecting prior infected areas so we affecting prior infected areas so we don't know whether these people don't know whether these people had other conditions they seem to be had other conditions they seem to be reported as being allergic but we see reported as being allergic but we see that people come down with bell's palsy that people come down with bell's palsy normally when they're under stress normally when they're under stress or have another infection so or have another infection so this could been something that was this could been something that was reactivated that they already had reactivated that they already had or activated uh in the normal sequence or activated uh in the normal sequence but with the but with the extra stimulation of the vaccine extra stimulation of the vaccine they had these symptoms and an adverse they had these symptoms and an adverse reaction to it reaction to it so bell's palsy clears itself up after a so bell's palsy clears itself up after a a number of weeks would this a number of weeks would this happen in this case or we don't know uh happen in this case or we don't know uh we don't know because it hasn't played we don't know because it hasn't played out yet out yet but i the way the reports are but i the way the reports are it appears that they would have would it appears that they would have would clear up clear up uh so we just have to wait and see uh so we just have to wait and see that's why that's why uh people that uh are uh people that uh are more prone to reactions uh probably more prone to reactions uh probably would be wise to see how these cases would be wise to see how these cases play out play out in medicine we use protein substances in medicine we use protein substances for many things like iv gamma globulin for many things like iv gamma globulin people do have reactions to proteins people do have reactions to proteins and so we just have to be careful it's and so we just have to be careful it's expected expected expected and part of the the whole treatment and part of the the whole treatment sequence sequence sequence it's not like an anaphylactic reaction it's not like an anaphylactic reaction where you eat shrimp and your throat where you eat shrimp and your throat closes up closes up or you have severe asthma or you have severe asthma this is more of an inflammatory type this is more of an inflammatory type response response response which is an exaggerated response because which is an exaggerated response because the vaccine already does stimulate the the vaccine already does stimulate the immune system immune system so that's interesting because one of the so that's interesting because one of the things that covet 19 does things that covet 19 does is sort of spur your body into an is sort of spur your body into an exaggerated inflammatory response which exaggerated inflammatory response which is what causes all that lung damage from is what causes all that lung damage from what i'm understanding what i'm understanding yes that's that's correct so your your yes that's that's correct so your your body responds body responds in many many

different ways to insults in many many different ways to insults that we have that we have each day and one of those is each day and one of those is the inflammatory activation process the inflammatory activation process that's actual covet forms that's actual covet forms the side effects reported from the the side effects reported from the vaccine vaccine vaccine is like fatigue uh is like fatigue uh is one of the main ones uh sometimes is one of the main ones uh sometimes some some some joint pains and aches just those normal joint pains and aches just those normal type inflammatory responses type inflammatory responses that are some of the mild side effects that are some of the mild side effects and in these people that may be and in these people that may be harboring harboring harboring a virus in that a virus in that facial nerve it could have just facial nerve it could have just stimulated and that's supposition we stimulated and that's supposition we don't know yet but i've seen that happen don't know yet but i've seen that happen with uh other patients that we treat on with uh other patients that we treat on a normal basis a normal basis so i think a lot of people you know they so i think a lot of people you know they go to the extreme and they're like go to the extreme and they're like can a vaccine kill me or leave me with can a vaccine kill me or leave me with lasting health problems lasting health problems i mean how would you answer either one i mean how would you answer either one of those questions of those questions well most likely not uh it's be well most likely not uh it's be really really rare uh at least from the really really rare uh at least from the data that's out there data that's out there so far so and the studies so far so and the studies most of them have been done on most of them have been done on non-allergic type people non-allergic type people reactions to like injections uh reactions to like injections uh or if they've been taking gamma globulin or if they've been taking gamma globulin which they're an immune compromised which they're an immune compromised person and had person and had adverse reaction to it yes they need to adverse reaction to it yes they need to be be be careful and aware and make sure that careful and aware and make sure that they ask the appropriate questions they ask the appropriate questions but overall it seems that there is but overall it seems that there is quite a bit of safety that has been quite a bit of safety that has been looked into looked into in these and studied on numerous in these and studied on numerous patients patients patients and they've kept the the major allergic and they've kept the the major allergic items out of the vaccines they were items out of the vaccines they were preservative free preservative free and they have no egg and so prior and they have no egg and so prior vaccines people that were egg-sensitive vaccines people that were egg-sensitive and some of them that had chemical and some of them that had chemical preservative problems with reactions preservative problems with reactions that's not present either okay step in that's not present either okay step in the right direction the right direction all right dr al johnson thank you so all right dr al johnson thank you so much for your time we appreciate it much for your time we appreciate it