

**COVID Vaccine Survey for MD
Results of Survey as at 12 May 2021**

95 Participants

Q1 –Do you have?

Meniere’s Disease	87
Vestibular Migraines	17
Other:	5

Q2 – Have you had the COVID vaccine?

Yes:	38
No:	56

Q3 – If yes, did you have?

AstraZeneca	31
Pfizer	6

Q4 - Have you had any side effects?

Yes:	19
No:	19

Q5 - If yes to side effects, please share in the comments box below

Had first vestibular migraine attack in 3 1/2 years.

Sore arm Sleepy Feeling mouldy

N/A - As I have not had the Vaccine

I was a little more tired for a few days but not a major side effect. Also taking serc which makes me tired.

Fever and aches (as expected) No issues at all with my meniere's

Sore arm, achey joints only for a day

Ok day of vaccine but next day very sore arm, tiredness, headache, aching joints and muscles. Fine next day & since.

Chills, joint pain

Just a sore arm and a slight fever- unwell for about 48 hours and then perfectly fine.

Hi if you call this a side effect, the day I got first jab was fine but had a bit of shivers when time to go to bed, slept like a log - next couple of days I still went out but was very tired, Covid spot was a little bit sore but ok, thats it. Next jab is in 3 months time and have flu jab in 2 weeks time.

Just the common ones - aches, chills, sore arm.

Severe headache. I still have to have the second injection in early July

Bad headache and nausea on following day

Following day was aching a bit and very tired. Slept well and fine after that

Felt off balance 4 days after the injection and was unable to walk in the dark.

Fever aches and headache within 24 hours. Clinical notes handed out StTed 2 thirds of people will have these side effects

Slight pain at the injection site, a feeling of being really tired for 24 hours.

Bad flu-like symptoms for two days - unusual dizziness for about two weeks.

After the second dose, about three days of feeling unwell and flu like symptoms. No impact on Menieres

Exactly ten days after I had the first AstraZeneca shot I had the first severe vertigo attack I have had in seven months. Apart from moving from Sydney to Canberra there were no other changes eg my very low salt diet continues. Since that first in seven months attack I have had many vertigo episodes some as severe some twice a day - previously vertigo attacks were spaced out in weeks or months. Could this be a side effect of the vaccine?

Sore arm for a few days. Only had first dose so far.

Minor side effects. Sore arm and tired for two/three days.

Q6 - Will you have the vaccine in the future?

Yes:	60
No:	3
Depends on the vaccine:	28

Q7 - If you do have the vaccine in the future, which vaccine would you prefer?

AstraZeneca	28
Pfizer	50
Other	8

Q8 - Other comments to share regarding the vaccine?

I'd rather be vaccinated than not as I'm sure it will be the only way to get on top of this pandemic. I'm not too worried about clots as I take blood thinners for heart disease. The injection didn't hurt, and nor did I have any reaction to the serum. I realise that some people are unsure about being vaccinated, but the benefits far outweigh the risk of getting Covid. Also at 76 I doubt that I would survive a Covid infection with my medical issues. Good luck with your choices.

i dont believe it has been tested enough to know the side effects or outcomes... I am happy to wait a bit longer as not top priority for overseas travel.

Astra Zenica uses old proven method of vaccination and should be prone to minimal long term side effects. The other methods are new technology R DNA that has no records yet of what the long-term effects are.. ? This is also the fastest that a vaccine has been passed by the WHO and TGA. Remember years ago they thought Thalidomide was the best thing for pregnancy and look how that turned out.

Due to my condition, I do not feel confident (comfortable) to have the vaccine. I may have to if it is absolutely mandatory.

I have had a blood clot to the brain so I am scared of having the AstraZeneca vaccination. Both my older siblings and elderly Aunty are also waiting to hopefully have the Pfizer vaccination.

I'm grateful to have the privilege of receiving my vaccination!

The vaccination process was very smooth and the side effects very mild. Already booked in for my second shot.

Some members of my family vaccinated others not sure - those who had the vaccine experienced nil side effects, most of them are over 70 - I'm the only one under 70 & still a tad dubious but am leaning towards having it soon. Anyone vaccinated under 70?

I am having mine very soon and it will probably be Astra Zeneca but that's ok. Would have been today but cancelled so my doctor can check leg pain in calf near varicose veins tomorrow, just to be safe. My Meniere's is mainly burnt out so not expecting a problem with side effects really.

Feel safer for being protected. Dr said my side effects, which are quite common, show my immune system is working well.

I am not sure. Very confused. I am interested to know if anyone in our Meniere group has taken the vaccine and what side effects did they have.

I have concerns with the AstraZenica, given the blood reports and concerns.

Type of vaccine will depend on efficacy against the most likely dominant variant, side effects, and dis/incentives of being vaccination (e.g. vaccination passport).

Prefer Pfizer as it has a better protection of 90% for the COVID-19 virus and doesn't have the risk of blood clots as is the case with Astra Zeneca which only provides 60% protection. I am; concerned for me as a Meniere's sufferer thinking it may impact my Meniere's as I suffer from circulatory issues.

I have not had flu vaccine for many years as I had sudden hearing loss following the vaccine. This has made me cautious about the COVID-19 vaccine. My position is that I am still unsure and am happy to wait awhile.

At present in Australia, the chance of having side effects from a vaccine is lower than to get Covid.

I had a bad reaction to my first flu vaccine last year. Sent the Meniere's Disease into overdrive. Worried that the Covid vaccine will be worse.

Im not at all concerned about it. By the time it gets to me, millions of people will have had it and I also can't see how it would make my Meniere's any worse than it already is.

I'm not bothered which vaccine I get. I'm 41 so probably down the road for a shot anyway.

I'll get back to you when I've had it.

I was not fussed about which vaccine I got - I ticket the same one again.

I'm waiting to see how the vaccine will affect me.. If it even has a small effect I won't be getting the vaccine... It's not worth living if my Meniere's is unstable

I have had my first dose of AZ in March. I am under 50 and this was before the 50 recommendation. I will be having my second dose of AZ at the end of June.

The risk associated with the vaccine is low, the risk from contracting COVID will be ongoing and has serious health consequences.

Booked in for the Astra Zeneca vacc. on 26/5/21

I plan to have the Astra Zeneca jab as soon as I get over this cold I have.

Have to use AZ vaccine for the second one after having it for the first. It is worth noting that in the US & Great Britain with the very successful vaccine rollout following disastrous initial infection rates both will probably reach herd immunity quicker than elsewhere. Although we have been protected somewhat from community transmission we can't afford not to vaccinate to achieve the same herd immunity.

My ENT asked if I had had the vaccine, replied no. Told don't, wait a while.

will avoid AstraZeneca but consider all others & do the research

Have only had first dose and am booked for follow up in-six weeks time

I'm unsure about the vaccine because of the reported side effects. I know that a simple cold causes a problem with my Meniere's disease and am not looking forward to (possibly) several days of feeling very ill.

The off balance feeling lasted about 12 days.

I am worried it will trigger a Menier's attack. I had major surgery on one side and steroid injection on the other and have been attack free for many years now. For that reason I don't have the flu shot either. I also worry about thrombosis as I have other immune diseases and Nerv pain from my back.

I would consider all and pick the best available to me.

Phiser has better protection against variants

I think people should go ahead. Any injection has side-effects. This time last year we were so keen to get a vaccine; now that it is here, some are reluctant just because of an extremely small percentage of people who have reacted to it.

I felt its better to have the vaccine than have a serious Case of the Corona Virus.

Much better to have than the disease!

I have had an eye stroke / Vado spasm and now take Cartia every day so I would prefer to have the Pfizer vaccine.

If other Ménière's sufferers are experiencing side effects from AstraZeneca I will ask my GP to recommend Pfizer instead of second dose (whose side effects are said to be more severe than first shot)

I am scared to have it as to whether it will impact Meniere's, however it's important to have

My preference was Pfizer but was not available for me on mid north coast. Also as I am 75 years. I don't think you can swap vaccines so I will have to have the Astrazeneca again in 12 weeks.

Plan in having first dose this week am a little anxious as I have attacks after having the flu vaccine and the whooping cough. I stopped getting the flu vaccine due to the attacks.