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# COVID-19 VACCINATION

FOR CANCER PATIENTS

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## BACKGROUND

The Chapter of Medical Oncologists agrees with the Expert Panel on COVID-19 Vaccinations appointed by the Ministry of Health that patients with active cancer on treatment should wait on vaccinations.

The reasoning is that limited number of cancer patients were included in the COVID-19 vaccination clinical trials, so there is insufficient data as regards the safety of these vaccines in this patient population.

Patients with advanced cancer and who are currently receiving immunosuppressive cancer treatment should hold off receiving COVID-19 vaccinations, until more information is available. Family members in the same household of unvaccinated cancer patients are encouraged to go for vaccination.

Patients with early-stage cancer who have completed curative treatment, and who are not on immunosuppressive cancer therapy, are encouraged to go for COVID-19 vaccination.

Please check with your oncologist if in doubt about your status for vaccination.

This statement is current as of Jan 2021, and recommendations may change and update as the situation evolves. Please refer to the latest guidelines on COVID vaccination at [www.moh.gov.sg](http://www.moh.gov.sg).

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