

## **Chat transcript CVSIG 2/11/21**

### **From Niamh O'Hanlon to Everyone: 10:20 AM**

Our national guidance states not to pool vaccines from different vials (even from same batch) to obtain additional dose - just wondering if any country considering using part vials to obtain additional doses - question arose with Pfizer BioNTech vaccine

*That is also the guidance in the USA. May be portions left in the vial, but the recommendation is to not combine them. Discussion in the US is how to get the most # of doses. Big focus in the US is using low dead volume syringes.*

*Same recommendation in Norway.*

*Health Canada, also recommended not to pool. Pfizer now approved to obtain 6 doses in Canada.*

### **From Sigurd Hortemo NO to Everyone: 10:20 AM**

If it is interesting, I may during the meeting comment on the news concerning reported deaths after vaccination in Norway.

*ISMP, not sure that it is actually tied to the vaccine or other causes*

*Norway has reported 80 deaths. External expert group in geriatrics will look at first 100 deaths in nursing homes to look for connection. There has been no change in policy. Everyone over 85 is eligible. Someone with short life expectancy should consider is it wise to vaccinate.*

*France, some deaths reported in context of PV follow-up. Currently, don't have any deaths considered related to vaccination. Generally, death is associated with the frail, elderly with co-morbidities. Possibility of severe reactogenicity followed by death.*

*In Brazil there are 2 types of vaccines: one from Astra Zeneca (UK) and Chinese Vaccine Coronavac. Only some reports of severe harm among people with previous allergy. No deaths!*

### **From John Grabenstein to Everyone: 10:24 AM**

As I gathered information regarding the Oxford/AstraZeneca vaccine (AZD1222), I noticed that the MHRA and EMA have assigned different potency measurement systems (viral particles versus infectious units) within prescribing information for apparently the same physical product, but I have seen no conversion factor. How should we understand the difference between units?

### **From María José Otero to Everyone: 10:31 AM**

In Spain we have Pfizer and Moderna vaccines.

### **From María José Otero to Everyone: 10:32 AM**

The second report of Pharmacovigilance published yesterday only include mild reactions or allergic reactions

### **From Ghita Benabdallah to Everyone: 10:32 AM**

in Morocco we have Sinopharm from China and AstraZeneca vaccines, but much more Astrazeneca than Sinopharm

**From Jaap Dik to Everyone: 10:32 AM**

In the Netherlands we have Pfizer, Moderna and AstraZeneca.

**From Sigurd Hortemo NO to Everyone: 10:32 AM**

In Norway we have Pfizer, Moderna and AZ

**From mbrabier-French PV network to Everyone: 10:33 AM**

In France we have both Moderna and COMIRNATY and the Astrazeneca since one week

**From Niamh O'Hanlon to Everyone: 10:33 AM**

In Ireland, Pfizer, Moderna and AZ

**From Brian Edwards to Everyone: 10:34 AM**

With respect to John's query might I suggest that Christina writes to EMA and MHRA seeking an explanation and then she can share a response please?

**From Sally Pepper to Everyone: 10:35 AM**

Interesting to see the proposed brand name 'Curevac' for the Bayer product in the spreadsheet. This is not a brand name that would meet Health Canada's criteria for naming practices.

*That is the name of the biotech company. To knowledge, Pfizer is the only one to go through INN to get an official name. Now, it is currently just COVID Vaccine-Company Name eventually we need better naming.*