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COVID-19 Astra Zeneca vaccine side effects

You may experience minor side effects following your vaccination against COVID-19. Most side effects last no more than a couple of days and you should recover without any problems.

Common side effects of this vaccine include:

- tenderness, pain, warmth, redness, itching or swelling at the injection site
- feeling unwell
- tiredness
- chills, fever or feeling feverish
- headache
- nausea
- muscle aches or pain
- joint pain

Paracetamol can be taken if you need relief from pain or fever.

Rare but serious side effects of this vaccine include:

- rash, itching or hives on the skin
- swelling of the face, lips, tongue or other parts of the body
- shortness of breath, wheezing or difficulty breathing
- fainting, dizziness, feeling lightheaded (due to a drop in blood pressure)

Contact your doctor immediately or go straight to the emergency department at your nearest hospital if you notice any of these RARE BUT SERIOUS side effects.

ALL side effects MUST be reported no matter how mild they may appear. If you are having side effects during your post vaccination observation period, please notify us prior to leaving.

If you experience common/mild side effects after leaving, please go online and report them directly to the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) at tga.gov.au/reporting-problems OR phone 1300 134 237 (8am – 8pm 7 days/wk).

If reporting directly is difficult for you, or if you are concerned about side effects, please contact us at Malanda Medical Care.