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PDA STATEMENT

LINKING LOCAL ANESTHESIA AND VACCINATION

To address the circulating misinformation in social media, associating death from local anesthesia delivered during dental procedures on vaccinated individuals specifically COVID vaccine, is unfounded. To date, there are no scientific publications correlating adverse reaction of vaccines and anesthesia, either through general or local administration. Dentists take thorough medical and dental histories to provide optimal care, needless to say, Philippine Dentistry has adapted to the necessary changes to prevent the spread of SARS CoV2. Health care has changed in the past year and the availability of COVID vaccine is a welcome development particularly to the dental profession. Baseless claims in the absence of scientific evidence are extremely detrimental to the national efforts in moving forward towards the immunization programs of the country. PDA strongly supports the vaccination programs of the Department of Health and we are one with the healing of the nation. The public is strongly advised to discern information and refrain from circulating stories without sound scientific evidences.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/expect/other-procedures.html>

<https://www.asahq.org/about-asa/newsroom/news-releases/2021/03/covid-19-has-changed-surgery-forever>

<https://www.rcseng.ac.uk/coronavirus/vaccinated-patients-guidance/>

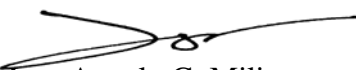
Lin C, Vazquez-Colon C, Geng-Ramos G, Challa C. Implications of anesthesia and vaccination. Paediatr Anaesth. 2021 May;31(5):531-538. doi: 10.1111/pan.14148. Epub 2021 Mar 3. PMID: 33540468.

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccinesafety/ensuringsafety/sideeffects/index.html>

<https://www.arabnews.com/node/1870201/saudi-arabia>


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