

COVID Questions

Question: My patient (22 yo) received J and J vaccine back in March. They are now receiving email from Medscape stating that folks who received J and J vaccines need a booster dose, and the booster dose could be with any mRNA vaccine like Pfizer or Moderna or another J and J vaccine. What is your opinion regarding the booster dose for patients who received J and J vaccine and can they have any mRNA vaccine for booster dose?

Response: There is currently no recommendation in the US for booster dosing for any of the COVID vaccines, even if you only received the J&J. There is data suggesting value to a second dose of a COVID vaccine in people who only received one dose of J&J, especially if that second dose is a mRNA vaccine. There is also evidence for a 3rd vaccine dose in those who received 2 mRNA vaccinations if the person is immunocompromised, but there is no official recommendation to get a 3rd dose at this time.