**GET ANSWERS TO COMMON QUESTIONS:**

With the overwhelming amount of information out there about the COVID-19 vaccine, it’s understandable that many people have questions. And it’s easy to come across uncredible and unverified posts on social media. If a patient is asking you questions about the vaccine, it’s likely because they value your input and want reliable information.

When talking to patients and other members of the general public about the vaccine, it’s important to answer their questions with evidence-based information and provide resources that back up the facts you have to share. It’s just as important to listen to their concerns and offer compassion.

Here’s a list of vaccine-related questions and answers, and resistance rebuttals you can use when confronted with hesitancy.

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**Emma Dow:** Is the vaccine safe? **Katrina Lane:** Yes, it was tested in clinical trials with more than 100,000 participants.

**Resistance Rebuttal:** “I hear what you’re saying and I understand your concerns. Can I show you a report from the Pfizer trial? It really put me at ease to discover participants in the trial experienced minimal side effects.”


**Sabriella Gains:** How was the vaccine developed so fast? **Kelly Surmin:** Researchers began developing the science behind the COVID-19 vaccine years ago.

**Resistance Rebuttal:** “I hear what you’re saying and I understand your concerns. Do you remember the SARS outbreak in the early 2000s? That’s what inspired us to start working on the vaccine. I can send you more information on the history of the vaccine if you’re interested.”


**Taylor Gherington:** Will the vaccine impact my fertility? **Sahana Patel:** There is currently no evidence to suggest the vaccine impacts fertility.

**Resistance Rebuttal:** “I hear what you’re saying and I understand your concerns. Let’s take a look at the Pfizer vaccine trial. Twenty-three of the women who volunteered in the study became pregnant and the only participant who suffered a pregnancy loss did not receive the actual vaccine.”

**Elijah Knight:** Will the vaccine make me seriously ill? **Alexi Callahan:** Serious side effects were rare in clinical trials.

**Resistance Rebuttal:** “I hear what you’re saying and I understand your concerns. You can help us access the Vaccine Adverse Events Reporting System if you’re interested in seeing the data.”

**Claudia Cine:** Will a COVID-19 vaccine alter my DNA? **Oliver Brewer:** No, COVID-19 vaccines do not change or interact with your DNA in any way.

**Resistance Rebuttal:** “I hear what you’re saying and I understand your concerns. Let me walk you through it. While the vaccine does deliver genetic material to tell our cells what to do to defend against the virus that causes COVID-19, that material never enters the part of our cells where our DNA is kept.”

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