



EUROPEAN NARCOLEPSY NETWORK

European Narcolepsy Network –

Statement on vaccination against COVID-19

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Several vaccines have been approved or currently are under consideration for the vaccination against the SARS-CoV 2 virus. Vaccines from the companies BioNTech/Pfizer and Moderna have been approved by the European Medicines Agency (EMA) for the vaccination against the virus in adults. The vaccine developed by AstraZeneca/Oxford University is used in UK and currently under revision for granting a conditional marketing authorization by EMA.

To date, there is no evidence that these vaccines increase the risk of developing narcolepsy or that, in already diagnosed narcoleptic patients; narcolepsy symptoms may worsen after these vaccinations.

However, it should be noted that to date only few people suffering from narcolepsy have been vaccinated with these vaccines, and that pertinent information may change over time.

Persons with narcolepsy should not expect a higher risk to develop side effects of COVID-19 vaccination than non-narcoleptics.