

Gaucher disease

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Patient information

- Diagnosis: Gaucher disease
- Age at diagnosis: early 20s
- Current age: 71
- Relevant medications: Imiglucerase (Cerezyme) 60 U/kg every 2 weeks at a hospital infusion center
- Relevant labs: hgb 10.6, plt 369; genu valgus; no significant lung disease
- Relevant procedures: splenectomy



Patient information

- Underlying medical conditions that make patient more susceptible to COVID (if applicable): age
- Sociological considerations around COVID-19 risk: lives alone (social distancing) but visited by relatives (sister, son); sister and brother-in-law encourage her to be vaccinated, daughter-in-law does not
- She has not ever tested positive for COVID-19



Vaccination History

- Did the patient receive the vaccine? No
- Did the patient ask any questions about the vaccine or did they voice any concerns?
 - Yes, such as hearing about people dying and other side effects (but her sister was vaccinated and did not experience significant side effects)
 - I recommended that she strongly consider being vaccinated and asking her sister or primary doctor to help her navigate the process



Other Observations

- Are there any published guidelines you referenced around this condition and the vaccine or COVID-19? National Gaucher Foundation provided information for patients (updated 3/18/2021); asked local experts
- Are there any other considerations related to COVID-19 that people with this condition should keep in mind going forward? Nothing specific related to the condition

