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Dear Patient:

Some of you may have read recently of a potential side effect of one of the CoVid-19 Vaccines. From what I can tell, out of 30,000 people in the Moderna trial, there were apparently 3 who had localized swelling or inflammation in the areas of the face where cosmetic facial fillers had been or were applied. This sounds to me to be relatively rare. And apparently, it was only seen in the Moderna trials, not the Pfizer trials, even though the vaccines are quite similar.

One of the Cosmetic Dermatologist on the panel, Dr. Chi, said, “Your immune system which causes inflammation is revved up when you get a vaccine, that’s how it’s supposed to work. So, it makes sense that you would see an immune response in certain areas where they see some substance that is not a naturally occurring substance in your body.”

The vaccine triggers your system to attack the virus if it becomes present in your system. By placing your immune system on a heightened level of alert, when it sees anything foreign, including facial fillers, it may cause an immune reaction, consisting of swelling and inflammation. All the patients involved had their symptoms go away with proper treatment, which is readily available.

The panel also stated that this reaction is NOT a reason to be concerned and therefore, not a reason to avoid the vaccine.

If you have other questions, or are concerned about facial fillers you may have, don’t hesitate to contact my office at 812-428-4139.

Sincerely,

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