



Deadly bringer of hope

A Swiss nursing home resident was vaccinated against Corona despite vaccine intolerance and died. Around the world, the media are covering up this connection.

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The first death immediately after vaccination with Pfizer/Biontech's vaccine in Switzerland raises safety questions that could not be resolved during accelerated testing. Swissmedic plans to set up a reporting system for patients to identify "safety signals" early.

Of all places, the first serious incident occurs in the canton of Lucerne, whose health director Guido Graf (CVP) wanted to be the first to start Corona vaccinations. On Christmas Eve, vaccination of all dementia residents in a residential group (with one exception) was started in a nursing home in a Lucerne agglomeration municipality.

The responsible home physician was not contacted by the vaccination team, otherwise they would have learned that one of the residents had reacted negatively to an earlier influenza vaccination and therefore further vaccinations were therefore not to be undertaken.

On December 26, the resident in question complained of pain in his urethra and pain in his abdomen. He became increasingly agitated, and subsequently his blood pressure dropped and pulse increased.

The resident physician in charge of the home examined the patient one last time on Sunday evening, December 27. He was calm, but the abdomen was hard and caused pain under pressure. On Monday, the nursing home did not report on the patient's condition. On Tuesday morning, the physician was notified by email of the worsening general condition. By the time he called back, the patient had died.

An individual case is not yet statistical proof of a causal relationship between vaccination and death. The patient, who was considered healthy except for dementia, could theoretically have died without vaccination. Certainty would only come from an autopsy, if one is performed. Possible causes include allergies - for which initial data are available - and incompatibilities with other medications. As a result of the short test phase, no reliable findings are available at present.

In its fact sheet on the *Pfizer/Biontech* vaccine, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) lists a number of side effects that can occur in the first few days. In the foreground are acute allergic reactions, which now apparently also occur with Moderna's vaccine, as the New York Times writes.

V-Safe, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control's (CDC) vaccine adverse event reporting system, shows a 2.8 percent toxicity rate after five days for vaccination with Pfizer/Biontech's active ingredient. In 112,807 vaccinations, 3150 "health impact events" occurred that rendered work impossible and required medical attention (as of Dec. 18, 2020).

However, the CDC, apparently alarmed by the high number of adverse events, no longer publishes the numbers.

V-safe Active Surveillance for COVID-19 Vaccines

| | Dec 14 | Dec 15 | Dec 16 | Dec 17 | Dec 18* |
|--|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|
| Registrants with recorded 1 st dose | 679 | 6,090 | 27,823 | 67,963 | 112,807 |
| Health Impact Events** | 3 | 50 | 373 | 1,476 | 3,150 |
| Pregnancies at time of vaccination | 5 | 29 | 103 | 286 | 514 |

*Dec 18, 5:30 pm EST

**unable to perform normal daily activities, unable to work, required care from doctor or health care professional

2.8 percent side effects requiring medical treatment is a lot. If the entire Swiss population were vaccinated, this would result in 240,00 additional cases of illness, more than thirteen times the number hospitalised for (and with) Sars-CoV-2 (as of December 23: 17504 hospitalisations). The number of Covid-19 cases requiring treatment is not collected in Switzerland. If the proportion of side effects is confirmed, it raises the question of whether the vaccine's benefits actually outweigh its risks, as *Swissmedic* - "after meticulous scrutiny" - noted in its Dec. 19 media release.

In Switzerland, adverse reactions to vaccinations are reported by healthcare professionals via the EIViS electronic reporting portal. Current data are not available online. In 2019, 273 cases of adverse reactions were reported for an unknown number of vaccinations. According to *Swissmedic* spokesman Lukas Jäggi, the number of unreported cases is assumed to be 85 percent. The authority therefore plans to launch an online form in January that patients can use to report side effects themselves, in order to "identify safety signals that are not yet known at an early stage," as he explained in response to an inquiry.

Interactions with other medicines are a particularly sensitive area. The tests required for approval involved 43,998 test persons - most of them healthy - who received either the active substance or a placebo [translator's note to readers, a placebo is rarely a benign saline solution]. In order to test the complex interactions with other drugs, the test groups were small with people on drug treatment. The data was indeed "not too broad", says Lukas Jäggi, but "sufficient for approval". In addition, with over 100,000 vaccinations in the UK, much more data is now available.

In its press release of today, Wednesday, *Swissmedic* states that "no connection with the vaccination is apparent". "Clarifications by the regional health authorities and *Swissmedic* have shown that, based on the medical history and the course of the disease, a connection between the death and the Covid-19 vaccination is highly unlikely."

How things went on after the publication of this article at 9.05 a.m. and how it was reproduced by the media

Immediately after publication, I contacted by telephone the *Schweiz. Depeschenagentur*, because I wanted the news to be disseminated by a source that was considered reputable and that reproduced all the relevant facts. But it too, as it later turned out, omitted the central fact that the deceased had a known intolerance to flu vaccinations and that the home's doctor had not been informed about the vaccination campaign. This has nothing to do with the dangerousness or harmlessness of the vaccine, but with the people involved: with the Lucerne health director Guido Graf, who wanted to be the fastest, with the head (or headmistress) of the vaccination team, who vaccinated without clarification, and with the home management, who did not inform the home doctor. It is to be hoped that this collective failure resulting in death will be properly investigated.

The vaccine damage is making the rounds

At 10.30 a.m. I published a media release on the case, then the story went its own way:

The original media release published by the time, on *presstext.com*, 10.30am:

"A first death due to Covid 19 vaccination in Switzerland.

The vaccinated man had an earlier negative reaction to flu shots

Reuters, 12.43pm:

"Swiss municipality says person died after COVID-19 shot, unclear if there is a link"

Reuters is already neither wrong nor right in the title. The administration did not announce on its own that there had been a serious incident, as the overview of the media releases of the health department shows. At least the administration has confirmed the death on request

The Confederation (TX Group), 12.49 pm:

"Vaccinated person dies - connection with vaccine unclear

A person has died in a Lucerne metropolitan municipality five days after being vaccinated against the coronavirus."

The Keystone/sda news item reproduced here undercuts the central point that the vaccination took place without notifying the home's doctor. The latter could have made the vaccination team aware of the already known intolerance for flu vaccinations of the later deceased and thus most likely prevented the death.

Later, the title was changed (to "Vaccinated 91-year-old dies - Swissmedic gives all-clear" and the text updated)

Zentralplus, 13:01:

"A person in the State of Luzern dies a few days after Covid vaccination.

Only a few days after a person was administered the Covid vaccine, he died. It was unclear on Wednesday whether there was a connection when the case was made public in the morning."

Reporting shows: Early reports tended to be more accurate, then framing by *Swissmedic* and news agencies prevailed. *Swissmedic*'s statement has been added to the text.

Deutsche Welle:

"Death in Switzerland after Corona vaccination

"It happened in a retirement home in Lucerne. However, it is currently still being investigated whether the resident's death was due to other circumstances - such as previous illnesses. Again, no word on the known intolerance, but it was hidden in the rush to action because the home's doctor was not informed."

Luzerner Zeitung (ch-media), 3.20 pm:

"First Swiss death after Corona vaccination in Lucerne - connection unclear

A person died in a Lucerne old people's home after the Corona vaccination, this has been confirmed by the responsible regional authority and Swissmedic. Whether the death of the elderly person is related to the vaccination is still unknown."

The Luzerner Zeitung - the incident happened in its circulation area - is a little more detailed. But it too fails to mention the deceased's intolerance to the flu vaccine. And it does not say a word about the responsibility of the persons involved. After all, Lucerne's health director Guido Graf put pressure on the 'Kanton' to be the first to start the vaccination campaign. Did safety precautions go unheeded under the time pressure? That would be a question that would certainly interest the readers of the Luzerner Zeitung.

Swissmedic, media release, 30.12.2020:

"No connection with vaccination apparent

In the canton of Lucerne, one person died after the Covid vaccination. Swissmedic clarifies that there is no apparent connection with the vaccination.

Media reports on death after Covid 19 vaccination in Switzerland: No connection with vaccination apparent. Vaccinations against the novel coronavirus have so far shown no unknown side effects".

Reports are circulating on social media channels and information platforms about the death of a 91-year-old person in the canton of Lucerne after being vaccinated against Covid-19.

Clarifications by the regional health authorities and Swissmedic have shown that, based on the medical history and the course of the disease, a connection between the death and the Covid-19 vaccination is highly unlikely."

"A few days after a Covid 19 vaccination, a 91-year-old person suffering from several serious previous illnesses died in a nursing home in the canton of Lucerne. Neither the medical history nor the acute course of the disease suggest a direct causal relationship between the Covid 19 vaccination and the death. The comprehensive information available points to the pre-existing diseases as the natural cause of death. This was also so noted on the death certificate."

"So far, no unknown side effects have occurred with vaccinations against the novel coronavirus. At the present time, there are no indications of a change in the benefit-risk profile of the vaccine used."

It is alarming what an official body conceals, claims and twists: It conceals

- the intolerance of the vaccinated person to flu vaccinations
- the exclusion of the home doctor from the campaign and thus the suppression of critical information

It claims,

- the deceased suffered from several serious pre-existing illnesses. According to information from the home doctor, the deceased was in proper condition and not ill before the vaccination, given his advanced age. Moreover: vaccination would have been contraindicated if he had been seriously ill.

It twists

- the reports of side effects. At present, these are still only reported via the reporting portal "EIViS" and only by medical professionals. The first vaccinations with the Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine were given on 23 December, a little before Christmas. During the festive season, there was not enough time for patients to notice any significant side effects and thus seek medical consultation, for the doctor to fill out the corresponding form and for *Swissmedic* to evaluate the data. Hardly any reports could have been received in this short time. It is also telling that *Swissmedic* apparently does not even accept a death as a side effect).

Financial Trend, 4:45 pm:

"*BioNTech* share:

"Unexpected vaccination disaster at the end of the year.

At the end of the year, a whole sack full of bad news on just one day - BioNTech certainly imagined this quite differently. The economically very successful 2020 ends really badly.

In Switzerland, there is a first death after a vaccination. The health authority of the canton of Lucerne confirmed this on Wednesday - without giving details."

We could have made a fat insider bet on the timing.

20 Minutes, 16:50:

"Connection between death and vaccination highly unlikely".

In Lucerne, a resident of an old people's home died after receiving the Corona vaccination. According to Swissmedic, there is no direct connection. The person suffered from severe previous illnesses."

The title already a denial, but the most balanced article so far. The "vaccination sceptic Pfluger" is quoted relatively extensively and in the correct context.

then, 17:06:

Swissmedic:

"No connection with vaccination apparent

In the canton of Lucerne, one person died after the Covid vaccination. Swissmedic clarifies that there is no apparent connection with the vaccination."

Remarkable: The title is a single denial, the fact is only announced afterwards!

SRF, 17:07:

"Death after vaccination: all-clear from Swissmedic".

According to *Swissmedic*, the death of a 91-year-old person has no causal connection with the Covid 19 vaccination. This was the result of investigations by the cantonal health authorities and *Swissmedic*.

Based on the medical history and the course of the disease, a connection between the death of the person and the Covid 19 vaccination was highly unlikely, Swissmedic announced on Wednesday."

SRF essentially quotes *Swissmedic*'s media release, but also points out at the end of the message that "previously [zeitpunkt.ch had reported] on the deceased person."

View, 17:40:

"Dementia sufferer (†91) in Ebikon LU dies five days after Corona vaccination.

'No connection between vaccination and death'

A man (91) has died in Ebikon after receiving a Covid vaccination. The Lucerne Department of Health reported the case to Swissmedic. Swissmedic is now investigating whether there is a connection between the vaccination and the death. The first conclusion: the probability is small."

Blick is one of the few major media to correctly quote the source with a link and also mentions the intolerance for flu vaccinations. Yes, one can sometimes learn more from the popular press than simply plain, concise language.

Pilatus today (ch-media), 14:46 / 19:25:

"Swissmedic gives the all-clear: no connection between vaccination and death in Lucerne.

Christoph Pfluger, who publishes the magazine Zeltpunkt and is active in corona-sceptic circles, first reported on the death of the elderly man. As he wrote, a resident of a nursing home for dementia patients in a Lucerne agglomeration community died five days after the vaccination on Christmas Eve. According to the magazine, the man had already reacted negatively to a flu vaccination once before."

Note: You can also present quotes in such a way that facts appear to be invented.

More international news

ZeroHedge:

„Swiss Patient Dies Shortly After Receiving Pfizer COVID Vaccine

After an Israeli man reportedly died just 2 hours after receiving his first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, authorities in the Swiss Canton of Lucerne said on Wednesday that one of the first people in the country to receive the vaccine has died, though whether his death had anything to do with the inoculation hasn't yet been determined.“

The usual based on the report from Reuters.

Channel News Asia:

"Link between COVID-19 shot, Swiss death 'highly unlikely', says drugs regulator".

Pfizer says "its thoughts are with the family of the deceased". But also: "It is important to note that serious adverse events, including deaths not related to the vaccine, are unfortunately likely to occur at a similar rate to the general population of elderly and vulnerable people who are currently being prioritised for vaccination."

AFP:

“Highly unlikely‘ vaccinated 91-year-old’s death due to jab: Swiss authorities“

New argument from *Swissmedic* spokesman Lukas Jäggi: A *Swissmedic* spokesman stressed to AFP that the timing of the death on Tuesday in a Lucerne nursing home, just five days after the vaccination, was 'a coincidence'.

Deutsche Welle:

„Coronavirus: Switzerland denies rumors of COVID vaccine causing death“

Now the connection between the death and the vaccination is already a "rumour"! As always, not a word about the known intolerance of the deceased to flu vaccinations and the failure of the vaccination team.

In German from the same channel somewhat more moderate:

"Death in Switzerland after Corona vaccination".

Salzburg24:

"Investigation shows: death after Covid vaccination: no connection".

In Salzburg, the dead man is suddenly a woman.

Nursing professional:

"Media reports on death after Covid 19 vaccination in Switzerland: no connection with vaccination apparent".

'Currently we have 4 million vaccinated people worldwide. On 29 December, 9035 people worldwide died of Covid. Nevertheless, all the media are pouncing on this one alleged death. That's just how you create fear.'

The article is written by the "alleged" head of the study programme and nursing scientist Markus Golla, but the text is largely identical to the *Swissmedic* media release.

Sources and notes:

This article first appeared under the title "[Vaccinated on Christmas Eve, dead five days later](#)" in [Zeitpunkt](#).

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