

# Bloodclots and the AstraZeneca vaccine



There is a team of scientific experts and doctors called the Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation. This name is often shortened to ATAGI. They tell us how vaccines should be used in Australia.



ATAGI have said that the AstraZeneca vaccine is preferred for people aged 60 years or older, unless there are clear benefits for someone under 60 needing the vaccine. You can talk to your doctor about this.



A very small number of people can get a rare type of blood clot after having the AstraZeneca vaccine. These are rare blood clots called thrombosis with thrombocytopenia syndrome. It is sometimes called TTS.



TTS can make you very sick, but doctors know more about it and how to treat it.



Only 4 to 6 people in every million who get the AstraZeneca vaccine get this type of rare blood clot.



TTS can happen within 4 to 42 days after the first dose of the AstraZeneca vaccine, and very rarely after the second dose.



Turn over to see what TTS symptoms are.



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# TTS symptoms to look out for

Call **000** for an ambulance immediately if you have any of these symptoms.

Remember to tell the ambulance you have had the AstraZeneca vaccine and you might have a clot.



Severe and constant headache that does not go away with pain medicine



Shortness of breath



Blurred vision



Difficulty speaking



Chest pain



Swelling in your leg



Drowsiness



Persistent belly pain



Fits



Tiny blood spots under the skin that are not where you were given the vaccine injection

- Talk to your doctor if you have any questions at any time.
- Call 134 COVID (**13 42 68**) and ask for an interpreter in your language.
- Call the Translating and Interpreting Services on **13 14 50** who will connect you to any health service.

