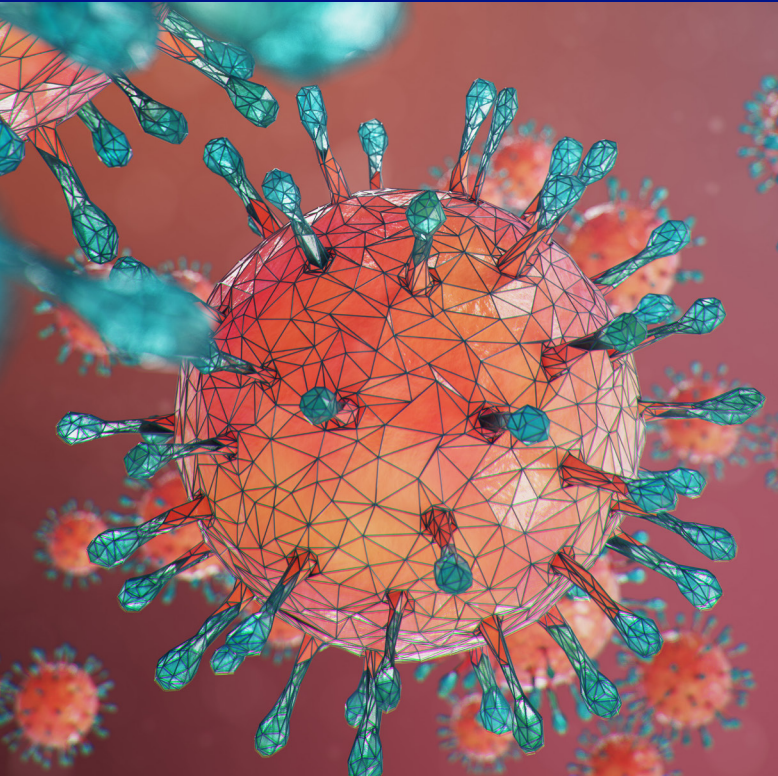




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FINDING CREDIBLE VACCINE INFORMATION

Before considering vaccine information on the Internet, make sure the information comes from a credible, trusted source of information and is updated regularly. As you surf for vaccine information, consider guidance from these sources:

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) vaccines and immunization web content is researched, written, and approved by subject matter experts, including physicians, researchers, epidemiologists, and analysts. Content is based on peer-reviewed science and frequently updated or reviewed. www.cdc.gov/vaccines/

The Immunization Action Coalition (IAC) suggests questions you should ask when evaluating online health information. IAC also provides information to vaccine providers and the public about all recommended vaccines. www.immunize.org, www.vaccineinformation.org/internet-immunization-info/

The University of California San Francisco's Evaluating Health Information page helps consumers review online health sources. www.ucsfhealth.org/education/evaluating-health-information

The Medical Library Association (MLA) communicates medical jargon (Medspeak) into language everyone can understand and has a guide for finding good health information. www.mlanet.org/p/cm/ld/fid=398

The Vaccine Safety Net (VSN) consists of a diverse group of websites that provide vaccine safety information in various languages. Each of these websites has been evaluated by the World Health Organization (WHO) and meets the Global Advisory Committee on Vaccine Safety (GACVS) criteria for good information practices. who.int/vaccine_safety/initiative/communication/network/approved_vaccine_safety_website/

While it's a useful tool for researching health-related topics, the Internet does not replace a discussion with a healthcare professional.