

Transcript of Video-Audio Clips

Dr. Mark Meeker, vice president of physician services, OSF HealthCare

“Right now I would say the potential with a drug-drug interaction with the COVID vaccines, causing a clinically significant issue, are extremely low. That’s what I see in the literature so far.” (:13)

Dr. Meeker says vaccines and medications can sometimes affect each other, but the interactions don’t usually cause *significant* problems.

“So it’s in the literature. It’s out there. People get excited about it. But, from a clinical standpoint, it doesn’t appear we’re seeing significant adverse events from that interaction.” (:12)

The bottom line, Dr. Meeker says, is far more dangerous than getting the vaccine, especially for those with underlying health issues that require medication.

“If they have any concerns whatsoever, talk to your physician about it or your nurse practitioner or your PA (physician assistant), whoever you see for your primary needs. Talk to them about it, that’s the best way to alleviate your fears.” (:13)

There’s no evidence yet to support reports of people recovering from long-term COVID-19 symptoms once they are fully vaccinated.

“I saw one report of an observation that a group (of researchers) made that they thought people with long, lingering symptoms seemed to recover quicker when they got vaccinated but that’s not hard-based evidence yet.” (:13)