

# Is the COVID vaccine safe? Building trust in coronavirus vaccines

## Show Notes

Science developed COVID vaccines in record time, but now that they're ready, will people take them? Distrust among communities of color, especially historically disadvantaged African American communities, and a lack of data on the vaccine among people living with lung cancer are proving challenging to the vaccine rollout. In this episode, we talk to an African American pulmonary surgeon who volunteered for a phase 3 coronavirus clinical trial, and African American lung cancer patient advocates about their vaccine concerns and what questions they'll be asking their own doctors about taking a vaccine.

A Block Guest: Dr. David Tom Cooke, UC Davis Health

- Starting timecode: 00:00
- Speaker bio: Dr. David Tom Cooke is a pulmonary surgeon with UC Davis Health in Sacramento, California. He volunteered for the Pfizer phase three clinical trial of the coronavirus vaccine.



- Resources:
  - [Dr. Cooke biography on UC Davis Health website](#)
  - [Covid-19 information for people living with lung cancer](#)

B Block Guests: Montessa Lee and Laronica Conway

- Starting timecode: 24:45

- Speaker bios: [Montessa Lee](#) is a 14-year Small Cell Lung Cancer survivor, a special education teacher trainer, and author.



- [Laronica Conway](#) advocates for lung cancer research in honor of her mother, Lillie, who died in 2012.



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