

HOW TO TALK TO PATIENTS ABOUT THE

COVID-19 VACCINE.

Be compassionate.

Be curious about why the patient feels the way they do. Be sensitive to culture, and remember that arguing does not work!

Ask permission to discuss the vaccine.

If the patient says no, either acknowledge the patient's feelings and offer to discuss vaccines at a later time, or explore why.

Motivational interviewing.

Ask the patient a scaled question such as "On a scale of 1 to 10, how likely are you to get a COVID-19 vaccine?". Help the patient move towards higher numbers as they discuss their beliefs outloud.

Respond to questions.

Respond within the boundaries of your scope of practice or refer patients to trusted resources such as the CDC.

Urge a strong recommendation.

Strongly recommend the vaccine to patients. "If it is okay with you, I would like to spend a few minutes talking about COVID-19 vaccines and your family."

SOURCE: CDC,
[HTTPS://WWW.CDC.GOV/VACCINES/COVID-19/HCP/ENGAGING-PATIENTS.HTML](https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/COVID-19/HCP/ENGAGING-PATIENTS.HTML)

