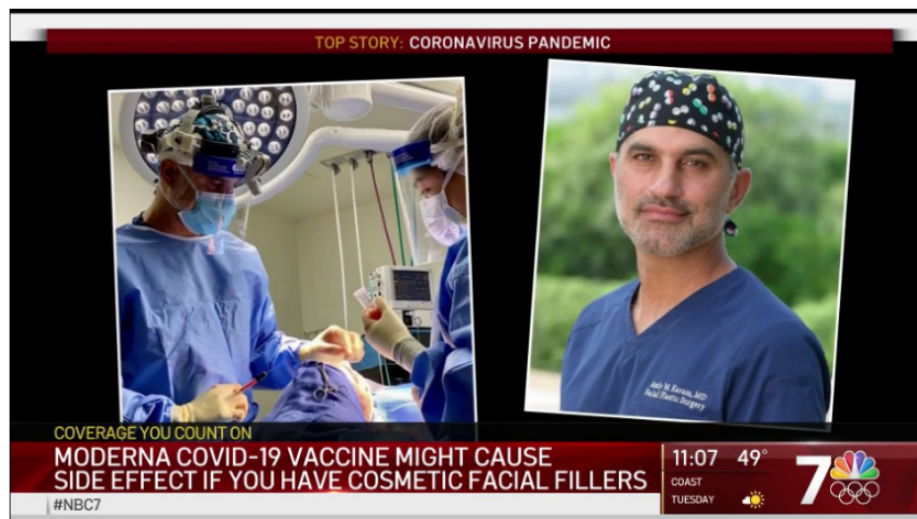


FDA: Moderna's COVID-19 Vaccine May Cause Side Effects in People With Facial Fillers

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The FDA advisory committee reviewing the new Moderna vaccine noted a specific side effect involving several trial participants who have cosmetic facial fillers.

Carmel Valley facial plastic surgeon Dr. Amir Karam said specifically, facial swelling was seen in a small number of trial patients.

“So what they’ve seen in the 30,000 member trial that Moderna has done, is they found about three of those patients has reaction to the filler. The reaction was localized to where the filler was put in, so in a couple of cases it was the lip and the cheek,” he said.

One of the participants had filler two weeks before the vaccination, another had it done six months prior.

Millions of people have physician-administered cosmetic facial fillers to smooth out fine lines, wrinkles and to enhance cheeks and lips. Karam says the reaction to the vaccine is immunological.