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Vaccination campaign: More than 23,000 doctors have dropped out

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More than 23,000 doctors have dropped out of the vaccination campaign

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Many medical practices have withdrawn from the vaccination campaign

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They were a great support in the fight against Corona: The vaccinations by statutory and private doctors. But now the vigor is clearly waning. In the meantime, significantly fewer practices are vaccinating than have participated overall. The vaccine manufacturers want to react.

KAet and private doctors are apparently increasingly withdrawing from the corona vaccination campaign. This is based on figures from the Robert Koch Institute that are available to WELT AM SONNTAG. In the week from August 2nd to August 8th, only 29,300 practices vaccinated patients against the coronavirus and thus significantly fewer than were involved in the campaign. Since the start of the vaccination, more than 52,600 practices have administered Covid-19 vaccinations.

Vaccine orders from practices have also been falling since June, as figures from the National Association of Statutory Health Insurance Physicians (KBV) show. Accordingly, around 1.3 million inquiries were made on July 27th. That is less than when the vaccination campaign started in April, when 1.5 million doses were still being ordered.

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The chairman of the board of the National Association of Statutory Health Insurance Physicians, Andreas Gassen, puts the fact that a large number of practices are currently withdrawing from the vaccination process. It is true that vaccination numbers are declining. “But we have to remember that fortunately more and more people are now fully vaccinated,” he said.

Gassen also sees the vaccine manufacturer as having an obligation: “To ensure that cans do not remain unused and have to be disposed of, it is important that the manufacturers also offer single doses as quickly as possible.”

“Different vaccine presentations” also at AstraZeneca

The big manufacturers are already working on such adjustments. “We are working on smaller pack sizes and will be able to provide an update in about six months,” said a spokeswoman for the Mainz company Biontech WELT AM SONNTAG. AstraZeneca also said that it may be necessary to “offer different vaccine presentations over time”.

At the same time as the doctors’ withdrawal, the federal states are already planning to end their vaccination centers. At the request of WELT AM SONNTAG, eleven of the 16 responsible state ministries announced that their facilities would be closed completely or at least largely by 30 September at the latest. Bavaria and Schleswig-Holstein want to maintain centers on a large scale with reduced capacity or in “stand-by mode”.

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