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# DoH experts study merit of second booster shot

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The government's Covid-19 Vaccine Expert Panel (VEP) said that it is awaiting data to determine the efficacy of a second booster shot to senior citizens and immunocompromised persons.

VEP chairman and microbiologist Dr. Nina Gloriani said the efficacy of the third shot, or the first booster dose, decreases over time among high risk individuals but not as much in healthy adults.

"We would observe its effect on the immunocompromised and the elderly who could have a weaker immune system that's why we are recommending a fourth dose," Gloriani said in a briefing.

The VEP previously recommended to the Department of Health (DoH) the administration of booster shots to high risk groups such as senior citizens and immunocompromised individuals.

Gloriani added that the main focus right now is to administer the first booster shot to all adults rather than the administration of a second booster dose to high risk groups.

"It is clear based on data that a first booster dose will increase protection especially against variants of concern, that is why we have to study the data if the second booster should be recommended to high risk population," she said.

In a media briefing on Tuesday, Health Undersecretary Maria Rosario Vergeire said that the DoH All-Experts Group was studying the VEP recommendation for possible modification of emergency use authorization for the administration of the second booster shot.

Gloriani said that only four vaccines, namely, Pfizer-BioNTech Comirnaty, Moderna Spikevax, AstraZeneca Vaxzevria and the Janssen, have sufficient data to be considered for use as a second booster dose.

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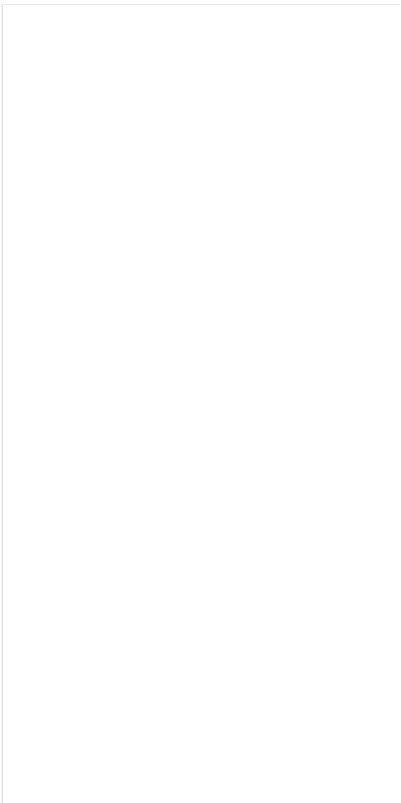
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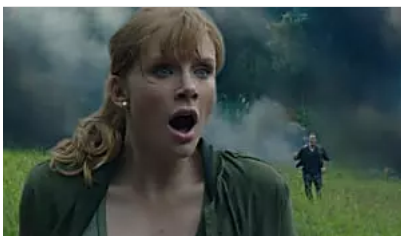
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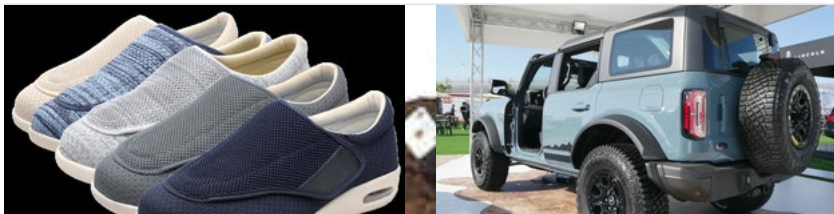
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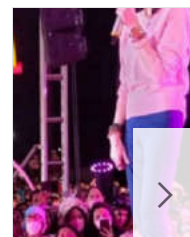
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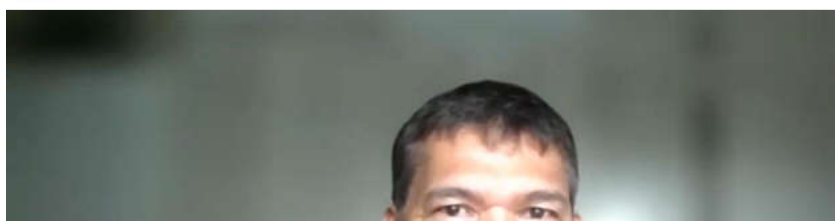
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