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This is Tania's story - Jacks Mum

“My kids, Jack, Abbey and I spoke about them getting the vaccine. With Jack 20yrs and Abbey 17yrs, I didn't want to pressure them, I let them make their own decision. They both said that they wanted to be allowed to go out, to travel the world and live their lives, just like the rest of us, so I booked them in.

They both had their 1st pfizer vaccine on 15 Sept. Both felt perfectly fine apart from a sore arm.

Their 2nd vaccine was Tuesday, 12 Oct. Both Jack and Abbey felt 'off' that afternoon and went to bed early. Jack woke up the next morning feeling a bit like he was getting the flu. Again, normal reaction.

By the evening he was feeling okay, apart from a bit of tightening in his chest. It felt worse when he woke up the next morning, along with some pain and a fast heartbeat, but nothing really major. I had a regular appointment with my doctor at midday and mentioned it to him. He advised us to go to emergency at the hospital just to make sure.

At the hospital, (Sunshine Coast University Hospital) they saw Jack straight away. Bloods and ECG pointed to myocarditis. His heart enzymes were at a very high level. Should have been 1 or 2 but were sitting at 3700. They admitted him straight to the cardiac unit.

After an echocardiogram (ultrasound) they diagnosed Jack with Myo-pericarditis. Inflammation of the heart muscle and the lining of the heart. Jack has absolutely no other underlying conditions, so confirmed that it was caused from the vaccine. Apparently it's very rare, but nurses told us that they had seen a few young people in the past few weeks. Apparently we have more of a chance of getting this condition if we contract Covid-19 and could have been so much worse if we'd left it. Who knows what could have happened?

The next few days were a blur! Anti inflammatory meds, many, many blood tests, heart monitoring and constant stress and worry. Enzymes continued to reduce with medication and Jack started to feel better. On Tuesday afternoon, he had an MRI.

We received the results on Wednesday morning. Still a little bit of fluid around the heart, but no permanent damage or scarring. Enzymes had gone right down. Jack was so lucky!

He got the all clear to go home. We packed everything up and the cardiologist requested one more blood test just to make sure.

Another bombshell. His liver enzymes had risen and were 10x higher than they should be. Sitting at 510 when they should have been 40-50. We now needed to see a liver specialist and there was no way that Jack was going home.

More blood tests and an ultrasound yesterday. Results this morning. Jack's liver is fine, enzymes were trending down. Dr said that the medication he was on was very unlikely to cause liver damage. Again, the vaccine was the blame, although very rare.

After 9 days in hospital, my beautiful boy is finally home, he's one of the lucky ones, and I thank the Universe for bringing him back to us safely and for not letting me completely lose my marbles! Maybe that will happen later 😊

We are not anti-vaxxers. We want to keep us and others safe from getting this terrible virus, but we also want to be able to have the freedom of speech to speak up about what happened and not be 'shut down'.

Please feel free to use my story for whatever you may need.

Have a beautiful day 🙏”

