Previous COVID-19 Linked With Autoimmune Conditions

Prior infection with COVID-19 was tied to a higher risk of autoimmune and autoinflammatory connective tissue disorders, according to results from 354,527 people with an average age of about 52 years. The chance of developing antineutrophil cytoplasmic antibody-associated vasculitis was the highest after infection, followed by alopecia to- talis, Crohn disease, and sarcoidosis, among other conditions.

The researchers, who reported their findings in *JAMA Network Open*, found that history of COVID-19 infection was not associated with a higher risk of autoimmune and autoinflammatory conditions among participants who were vaccinated. Moreover, greater severity of COVID-19 infection was linked with a higher chance of developing an autoimmune or autoinflammatory disease.

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