

**Transcript of video/audio clips of Dr. Leon Yeh, vice president of Hospitalists, Emergency Services and Diagnostic Medicine for OSF HealthCare**

There's no data showing the COVID-19 vaccine causes Bell's palsy.

**“The trials that were done, out of almost 40,000 patients, there were really only just a handful of patients that developed Bell's palsy. So that basically mirrors what we would expect for incidence in the general population anyway. Again, it goes back to understanding data and statistics and that's not something that we, as human beings, are really good at.” He added, “We tend to overestimate these risks when we hear about them.”**

Sudden bad health effects happen to people every day.

**“Even aside from the vaccine, we expect there to be some unfortunate things happening to people and the vaccine is not necessarily the cause but it's very easy for us to make that link.”**

More data and regular briefings from trusted sources can help reduce vaccine hesitancy.

**“The CDC and FDA are both compiling information on side effects and outcomes so we have even better data about it. And then, I think it would help if we continue to have a constant dialogue about what we are seeing so that people understand the true outcomes and the true data.”**