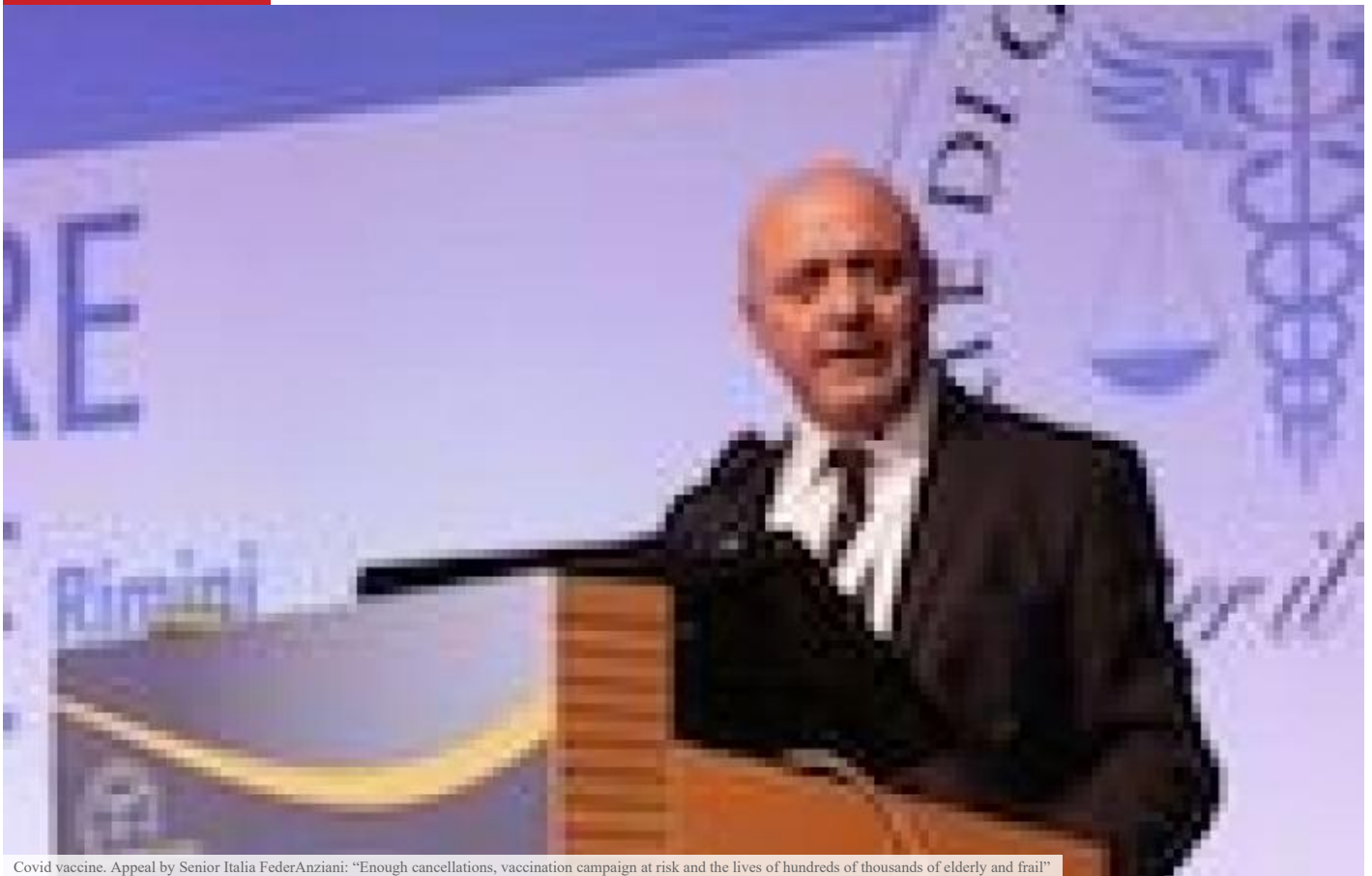




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Messina: "Covid since the beginning of the pandemic has killed 116,000 people, while serious adverse reactions from vaccines are very rare. Pulling back is irrational and dangerous"

16 APR – "The various communication errors committed so far with respect to the vaccine have resulted in a flurry of cancellations (with peaks of 70%) which risks putting the entire vaccination campaign at risk, and with it the lives of hundreds of thousands of elderly and frail people. We therefore turn not only to seniors, but also to the many under 60s who are canceling reservations right now, to say that this fear of the vaccine is irrational. The killer is Covid, which since the beginning of the pandemic has produced 116 thousand deaths in Italy alone, and certainly not the vaccine, whose adverse reactions are very rare, while the only 4 deaths reported in Italy among the cases of adverse thromboembolic events are still today object of examination by Aifa for a definitive verification of their causal link with the vaccine", he declares **Roberto Messina**, National President of Senior Italia FederAnziani.

"Since the beginning of the Covid 19 emergency – continues Messina – we have seen an important piece of a generation disappear. We have been waiting for months for the vaccine to arrive as the only hope to get to the end of this nightmare, we have criticized the delays and errors, but now the vaccination campaign is in full swing and fortunately this allows us to look forward with optimism. All we have to do is rely on science and certainly not give up booking our dose of vaccine, whatever it is, because getting vaccinated is the only way to get out of the pandemic, to save our lives and those of our loved ones and to restart the country and averting economic disaster. Vaccines are safe, especially for those over 60: the events reported as adverse reactions for vaccines are in most cases harmless, while those of greater severity are very rare and in any case fewer in number than the adverse reactions triggered by many other drugs that we take in our everyday life to manage our chronic diseases or even to heal from a trivial flu. Suffice it to say that the onset of venous thrombosis in some way related to the vaccine is very rare. Out of 25 million vaccinated, this is 3-4 cases per million, an incidence that drops to 0 over the age of 60. According to the latest report produced by the ISS Surveillance, however, as of March 19, 2021, the lethality rate of Covid 19 is 3.1% in the overall population, and rises to 21.4% among the over 80s. Therefore this irrational fear of the

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vaccine must be left aside if we do not want to prolong the ongoing massacre, which causes hundreds of deaths a day, while we would have the possibility, in a short time, with the collaboration of all, to eliminate mortality as already happened in other countries ".

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