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PQ27335/22 Deputy Patrick Costello- To ask the Minister for Health when access to diagnostic testing fluorescence microscopy to identify fibrin micro clots in long-Covid patients will be introduced in Ireland in order that patients can then be prescribed anticoagulants safely; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Costello,

Thank you for your representation.

Diagnostic testing fluorescence microscopy to identify fibrin micro clots in long-Covid has been looked at in small research studies but has not translated to clinical practice.

This is not a clinical test utilised currently by infectious diseases and is not currently recommended in COVID treatment guidelines.

I hope this provides you with assistance.

Yours sincerely

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