



It's Time for Healthcare Providers
to Get the New Tdap Vaccine



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If You Work in Health Care

Now you can protect yourself against pertussis (whooping cough) with your next tetanus booster. There is a new vaccine recommended for healthcare workers. The tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis (Tdap) vaccine will protect against pertussis as well as boost tetanus and diphtheria.



Do No Harm. Get Immunized!

Protect Yourself

Healthcare workers are nearly twice as likely to get pertussis as other adults. Pertussis in adults causes coughing fits. In adults you may not hear the characteristic “whoop” sound toddlers make when they have the disease. Pertussis can cause vomiting, broken ribs, and can lead to pneumonia. Coughing can last for months.

Protect Your Family

If infected, you can spread pertussis to your family even if you don't feel sick. They could become seriously ill and miss work or school. Babies have the highest risk of getting sick and can die.

Protect Your Patients

If you have pertussis, you can infect your patients. Nosocomial infections increase health care costs. For less than \$40.00 a dose you can prevent pertussis transmission.

Get the new one time tetanus booster (Tdap) and protect yourself, your family, and your patients against pertussis.

For more information:
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