



Tetanus Prophylaxis in Wound Management



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The new Tdap (tetanus, reduced diphtheria and pertussis) vaccine is recommended for wound management in adolescents and adults.

History of Previous Tetanus Immunization	Clean, Minor Wounds	All Other Wounds ²
Uncertain or fewer than 3 doses	Give vaccine	Give vaccine and TIG ³
3 or more previous doses	No need to vaccinate Unless ≥ 10 years since last dose	Give vaccine If ≥ 5 years since last dose

Age of Patient	Immunization	
<7 years old	DTaP (diphtheria, tetanus & pertussis)	
7–9 years old	Td (tetanus, diphtheria)	
10-64 years old	Tdap	
	10-18	Boostrix®
	11-64	Adacel®
>65 years old	Td	

Td is preferred to tetanus toxoid (TT) for those who have received a Tdap previously. If TT is administered, an adsorbed TT product is preferred to fluid TT. (All DtaP/DTP/Tdap/DT/Td products contain adsorbed tetanus toxoid.)

Footnotes

- 1 Preventing Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Pertussis Among Adults: <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/rr5517a1.htm>; Preventing Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Pertussis Among Adolescents: <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/rr5503a1.htm>, <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/rr55e223a1.htm>; Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis: Recommendations for Vaccine Use and Other Preventive Measures Recommendations of the Immunization Practices Advisory Committee (ACIP): <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/00041645.htm>
- 2 All other wounds can include: wounds contaminated with dirt, feces, soil, and saliva, puncture wounds; avulsions; and wounds caused by missiles, crushing, burns, and frostbite.
- 3 Tetanus Immune Globulin (TIG) . The recommended dose for wounds of average severity is 250 units intramuscularly. When both tetanus vaccine and TIG are administered, use separate syringes and separate injection sites.

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