

TETANUS PROPHYLAXIS GUIDELINES

TETANUS PROPHYLAXIS FOR CHILDREN 6 WEEKS THROUGH 6 YEARS				
History of Adsorbed Tetanus Toxoid	Clean, Minor Wounds		All Other Wounds ¹	
	DTaP ²	TIG	DTaP ²	TIG
Unknown or less than 3 doses	Yes (the primary series should be completed)	No	Yes (the primary series should be completed)	Yes
3 or more doses (If only 3 doses of fluid tetanus toxoid have been received, a fourth dose of toxoid, preferably an adsorbed toxoid, should be given)	No (Yes if the routine immunization schedule has lapsed)	No	No (Yes if the routine immunization schedule has lapsed or if it has been more than 5 years since the previous dose)	No

TETANUS PROPHYLAXIS FOR 7- 9 YEARS				
History of Adsorbed Tetanus Toxoid	Clean, Minor Wounds		All Other Wounds ¹	
	Td	TIG	Td	TIG
Unknown or less than 3 doses	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
3 or more doses (If only 3 doses of fluid tetanus toxoid have been received, a fourth dose of toxoid, preferably an adsorbed toxoid, should be given)	No (Yes if the routine immunization schedule has lapsed)	No	No (Yes if it has been more than 5 years since the previous dose)	No

TETANUS PROPHYLAXIS FOR 10 YEARS AND OLDER				
History of Adsorbed Tetanus Toxoid	Clean, Minor Wounds		All Other Wounds ¹	
	Tdap/Td ³	TIG	Tdap/Td ³	TIG
Unknown or less than 3 doses	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
3 or more doses (If only 3 doses of fluid tetanus toxoid have been received, a fourth dose of toxoid, preferably an adsorbed toxoid, should be given)	No (Yes if it has been more than 10 years since the previous dose)	No	No (Yes if it has been more than 5 years since the previous dose)	No

¹ Including, but not limited to wounds contaminated with dirt, feces, soil or saliva; puncture wounds, avulsions; wounds resulting from missiles (gunshots), crushing, burns or frostbite.

²DTaP is licensed for use in children 6 weeks up through 6 yrs of age. Use DT only if patient has a contraindication to acellular pertussis.

³Tdap vaccine is the preferred vaccine for adolescents and adults who have not previously received a dose of Tdap. There are 2 Tdap vaccines: Boostrix is licensed for persons 10-18 yrs of age. ADACEL is licensed for persons 11-64 yrs of age. Administer Td if Tdap is not available.

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