



It's Time for Health Care Workers to get the Tetanus-Diphtheria-Pertussis Vaccine



Do No Harm. Get Immunized!

Protect Yourself, Your Family, and Your Patients.

Add protection against pertussis (whooping cough) with your next tetanus booster. The tetanus-diphtheria-pertussis (Tdap) vaccine is recommended for health care workers to protect against pertussis and boost immunity to tetanus and diphtheria.

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

Pertussis outbreaks have been documented in prenatal and postnatal clinics, maternity wards, neonatal nurseries, and neonatal intensive-care services. In health care settings these outbreaks can result in disruptive, labor-intensive, and costly investigations and control measures. Transmission of pertussis to health care personnel or patients can result in substantial morbidity and even death among hospitalized infants. A wide range of health care disciplines have been implicated in pertussis outbreaks, including physicians, resident physicians, students, nurses, nurse midwives, aides, medical assistants, and educators.*

Tdap is not contraindicated during pregnancy. It should be administered to a pregnant woman who is in contact with an infant younger than age 12 months, is in an outbreak setting, or is a health care provider who sees children.

* *Prevention of Pertussis, Tetanus, and Diphtheria Among Pregnant and Postpartum Women and Their Infants Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP): Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report: May 30, 2008 / 57 (04):1-47,51.*

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