



Tetanus Prophylaxis in Wound Management



The Tdap (tetanus-diphtheria-pertussis) vaccine is recommended for inclusion in wound management for

History of Previous Tetanus Immunization	Clean, Minor Wounds	All Other Wounds ²	Age of Patient	Immunization
Uncertain or fewer than 3 doses	Give vaccine	Give vaccine and TIG	< 7 years old	DTaP (diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis)
3 or more previous doses	No need to vaccinate Unless ≥ 10 years since last dose	Give vaccine If ≥ 5 years since last dose	7–9 years old	Td (tetanus-diphtheria)
			10-64 years old	Tdap ³
			≥65 years old	Td

Footnotes

1. Preventing Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Pertussis Among Adults: Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR): December 15, 2006 / 55(RR17);1-33; Preventing Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Pertussis Among Adolescents: MMWR: March 24, 2006 / 55(RR03);1-34; Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis: Recommendations for Vaccine Use and Other Preventive Measures Recommendations of the Immunization Practices Advisory Committee (ACIP): MMWR: August 08, 1991 / 40(RR10);1-28.
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. Tdap may be substituted for Td if the person has not previously received Tdap to provide protection against pertussis (whooping cough) for adults who have or anticipate close contact with an infant.

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