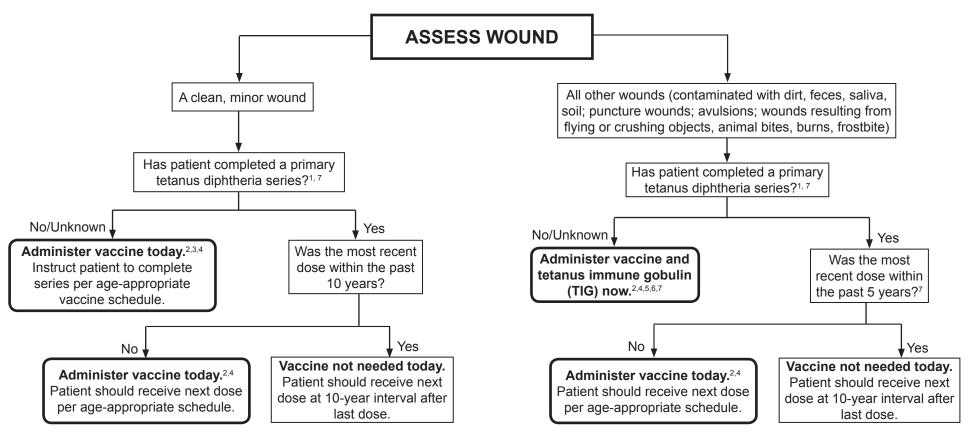
Summary Guide to Tetanus Prophylaxis in Routine Wound Management



- ¹ A primary series consists of a minimum of 3 doses of tetanus- and diphtheriacontaining vaccine (DTaP/DTP/Tdap/DT/Td).
- ² Age-appropriate vaccine:
- DTaP for infants and children 6 weeks up to 7 years of age (or DT pediatric if pertussis vaccine is contraindicated):
- Tetanus-diphtheria (Td) toxoid for persons 7 through 9 years of age and 65 years of age and older:
- Tdap for persons 11 through 64 years of age if using Adacel* or 10 years of age and older if using Boostrix*, unless the person has received a prior dose of Tdap.*
- ³ No vaccine or TIG is recommended for infants younger than 6 weeks of age with clean, minor wounds. (And no vaccine is licensed for infants younger than 6 weeks of age.)
- *Brand names are used for the purpose of clarifying product characteristics and are not an endorsement of either product.

Tdap vaccines:

Boostrix (GSK) is licensed for persons 10 years of age and older. Adacel (sanofi) is licensed for persons 11 through 64 years of age.

- ⁴ Tdap* is preferred for persons 11 through 64 years of age if using Adacel* or 10 years of age and" older if using Boostrix* who have never received Tdap. Td is preferred to tetanus toxoid (TT) for persons 7 through 9 years, 65 years and older, or who have received a Tdap previously. If TT is administered, and adsorbed TT product is preferred to fluid TT. (All DTaP/DTP/Tdap/DT/Td products contain adsorbed tetanus toxoid.)
- ⁵ Give TIG 250 U IM for all ages. It can and should be given simultaneously with the tetanus-containing vaccine.
- ⁶ For infants younger than 6 weeks of age, TIG (without vaccine) is recommended for "dirty" wounds (wounds other than clean, minor).
- ⁷ Persons who are HIV positive should receive TIG regardless of tetanus immunization history.

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