

TETANUS, PAST, PRESENT & FUTURE

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TETANUS IMMUNIZATION AND WOUND MANAGEMENT

History of Tetanus Immunization	Clean Minor Wound		All Other Wounds	
	Td*	TIG	Td	TIG
Uncertain to < 2	YES	NO	YES	YES
3 or more	NO ₁	NO	NO ₂	NO

* Children less than 7 use DPT or DT

- 1) Yes if last immunization greater than 10 years ago
- 2) Yes if last immunization greater than 5 years ago

EVALUATION OF WOUND

Clinical Features	Tetanus-Prone Wounds	Non-Tetanus Prone Wounds
Age of wound	> 6 hours	< 6 hours
Configuration	Stellate Wound, Avulsion, Abrasion	Linear Wound
Depth	> 1 cm	< 1 cm
Mechanism of Injury	Missile, Crush, Burn Frostbite	Sharp Surface (e.g. knife, glass)
Signs of Infection	Present	Absent
Devitalized Tissue	Present	Absent
Contaminants (dirt, feces, soil, saliva, etc.)	Present	Absent
Denervated, and/or ischemic tissue	Present	Absent

TABLE FOR PRIMARY TETANUS IMMUNIZATION

Immunization	Age/Interval	Antigen
Primary 1	1st visit	Td
Primary 2	4-8 weeks after #1	Td
Primary 3	6 mos-1yr after #2	Td

Booster (DT) at 4 to 6 years of age (not necessary if #4 after 4 years of age)
Add boosters q10 (Td)

Greater than 7 years of age

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