

Tetanus Prophylaxis in Wound Management

History of Tetanus Immunization	Clean, minor wounds		All other wounds ^A	
	Tetanus Toxoid-Containing Vaccine ^B	Tlg	Tetanus Toxoid-Containing Vaccine ^B	Tlg
Uncertain or less than 3 doses	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
3 or more doses in a vaccine series and less than 5 years since last booster dose	No	No	No	No ^C
3 or more doses in a vaccine series and more than 5 years but less than 10 years since last booster dose	No	No	Yes	No ^C
3 or more doses in a vaccine series and more than 10 years since last booster dose	Yes	No	Yes	No ^C

Note: Tetanus-diphtheria (Td) vaccine and Tetanus Immune Globulin (Tlg) should be administered using separate syringes and different sites. If a contraindication exists for a tetanus toxoid-containing vaccine, Tlg would be given where tetanus immunization is required.

^A Such as, but not limited to, wounds contaminated with dirt, feces, soil, and saliva; puncture wounds; tearing away of body parts or structures; and wounds resulting from missiles, crushing, burns, and frostbite.

^B Use appropriate product according to age and immunization history. Monovalent tetanus toxoid is not available in Canada.

^C No, unless individuals are known to have significant humoral immune deficiency state (e.g., HIV, agammaglobulinemia), since immune response to tetanus toxoid may be suboptimal.