

## Tetanus prophylaxis in routine wound management

(Adapted from the Red Book: 2012 report of the Committee on Infectious Diseases, p. 709)

History of tetanus toxoid (doses)	Clean, minor wounds		All other wounds	
	DTaP, Tdap, or Td	TIG	DTaP, Tdap, or Td	TIG
Fewer than 3 or unknown	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
3 or more	No - if < 10 years since last tetanus- containing vaccine dose.	No	No if < 5 years since last tetanus- containing vaccine dose.	No
	Yes if $\geq$ 10 years since last tetanus- containing vaccine dose	No	Yes if $\geq$ 5 years since last tetanus- containing vaccine dose.	No

**TIG** = Tetanus immune globulin

**Other wounds** = Such as, but not limited to, wounds contaminated with dirt, feces, soil, and saliva; puncture wounds; avulsions; and wounds resulting from missiles, crushing, burns, and frostbite

**Note:** DTAP is used for children <7 years of age. Tdap is preferred to Td for underimmunized children 7 years of age or older who have not received Tdap previously.