

**New CDPH
Recommendations**

Tetanus Prophylaxis in Wound Management

All patients 7 years of age and older

▶ **Tdap** (tetanus toxoid, reduced diphtheria toxoid & pertussis vaccine)

History of Previous Tetanus Immunization	Clean, Minor Wounds	All Other Wounds ¹
Uncertain or fewer than 3 doses ²	Tdap	Tdap and TIG³
3 or more previous doses²	Tdap unless documented prior receipt of Tdap⁴	

New CDPH Recommendations:

Age of Patient	Immunization
<7 years old	DTaP
▶ 7 years of age or older (including anyone over 64)	Tdap

**IM (Intramuscular)
Injection**

**1" Needle
23-25 gauge**

footnotes

- ¹ 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.
- ² ACIP and AAP recommendations permit any interval between doses of Td and Tdap. For more information, visit EZIZ.org.
- ³ Tetanus Immune Globulin (TIG). The recommended dose for wounds of average severity is 250 units intramuscularly. When both tetanus toxoid containing vaccine and TIG are administered at the same time, use separate syringes and injection sites.
- ⁴ Tdap recommended for patients with wounds that are **not** clean or minor if they last received a dose of tetanus-containing vaccine 5 or more years ago.