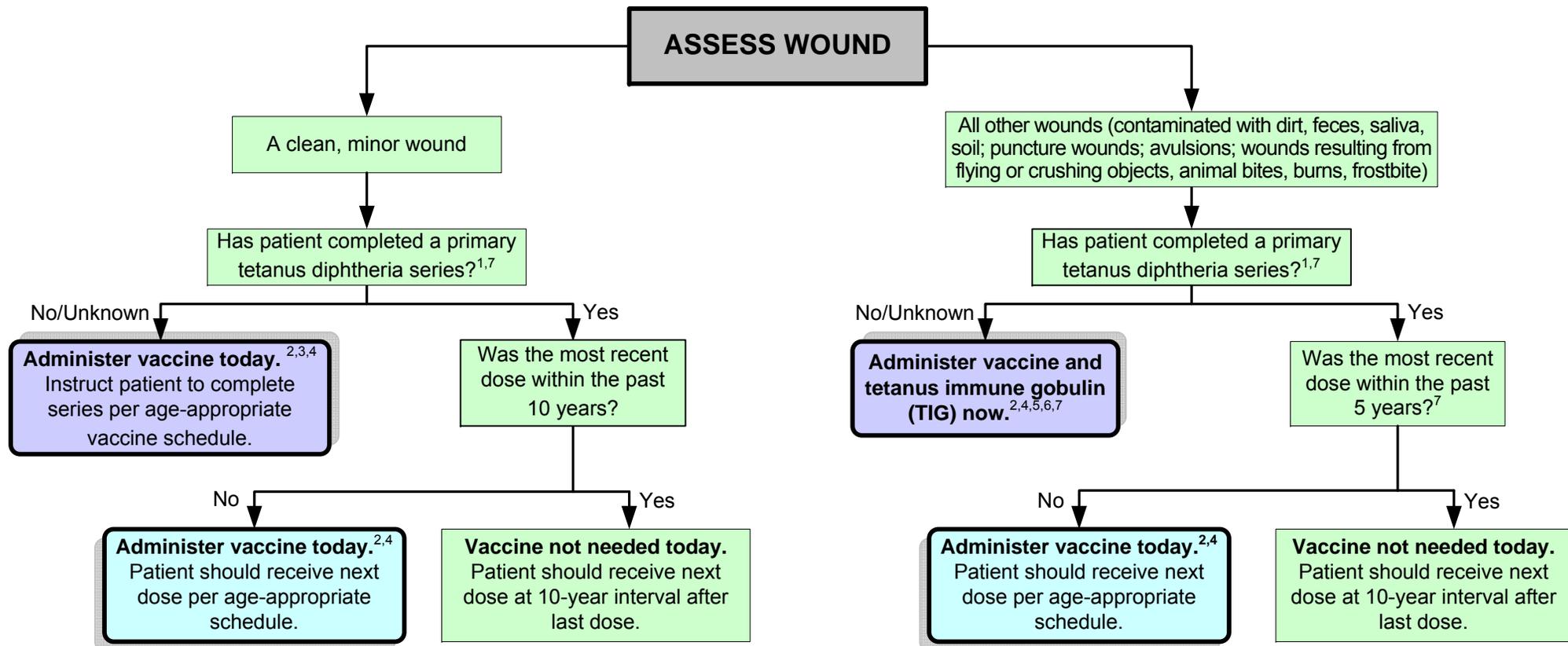


Summary Guide to Tetanus Prophylaxis in Routine Wound Management



¹ A primary series consists of a minimum of 3 doses of tetanus- and diphtheria-containing 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;
- Tdap for persons 10 through 64 years of age if using Adacel¹ or 10 years of age and older if using Boostrix¹, unless the person has received a prior dose of Tdap.*

³ No vaccine or TIG is recommended for infants <6 weeks of age with clean, minor wounds. (And no vaccine is licensed for infants <6 weeks of age.)

*Tdap vaccines:

Adacel (Sanofi) is licensed for persons 11 through 64 years of age.

Boostrix (GSK) is licensed for persons 10 years of age and older.

¹ Brand names are used for the purpose of clarifying product characteristics and are not in any way an endorsement of either product.

⁴ **Tdap*** is preferred for persons 10 through 64 years of age if using Adacel¹ or 10 years of age and older if using Boostrix¹ who have never received Tdap. Td is preferred to tetanus toxoid (TT) for persons 7 through 9 years of age, or ≥ 65 years of age if only Adacel¹ is available, or those who have received a Tdap previously. If TT is administered, an 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 <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.