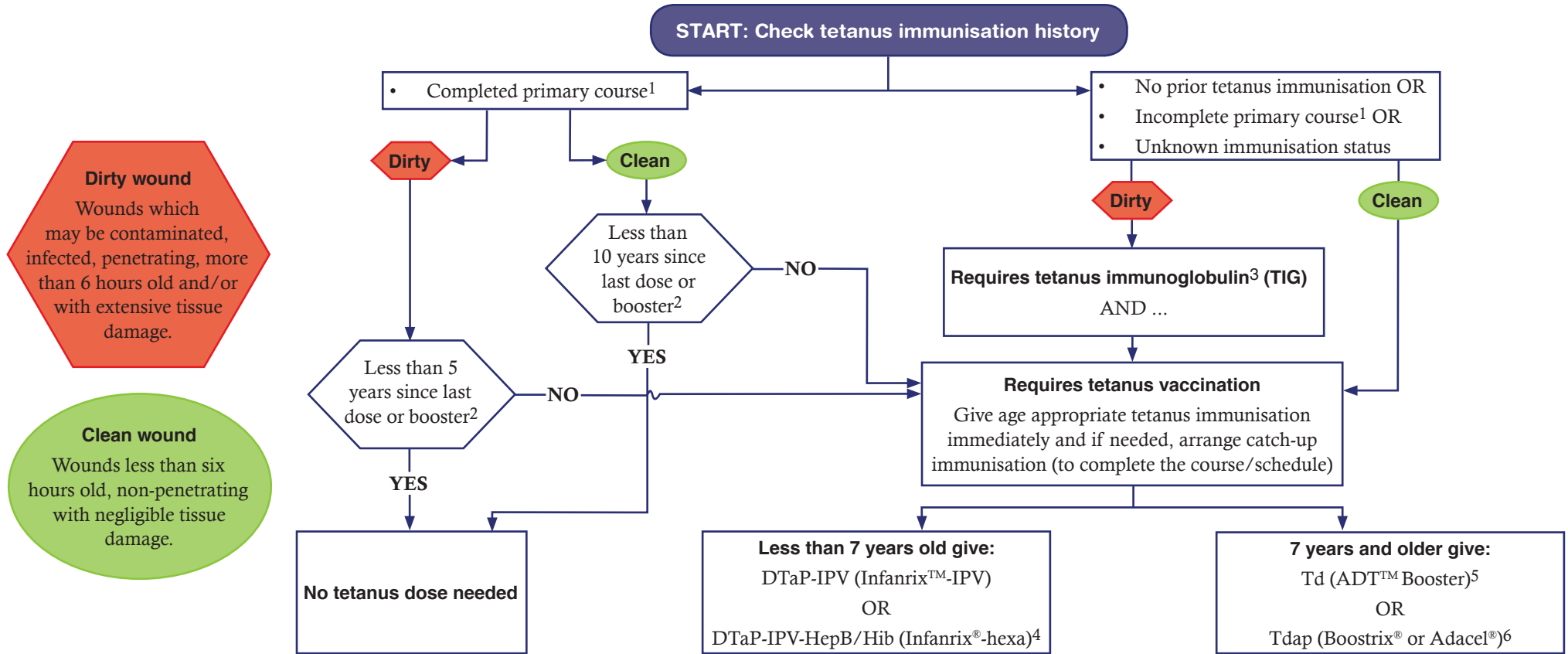


Management of tetanus prone wounds

FactSheet For Health Professionals



- Three doses of tetanus toxoid-containing vaccine are required to complete a primary course. If the vaccine course has been interrupted it may be resumed without repeating prior doses.
- A tetanus booster vaccination is offered at ages 11, 45 and 65 years and with wound management. The scheduled 11 year old Tdap booster is not recommended within 2 years of a prior dose of Td unless it is being given to protect infants or other individuals at particularly high risk of pertussis.
- Recommendations for the use and dosage of tetanus immunoglobulin (TIG) can be found on page 129 of the Immunisation Handbook 2011.
- Infanrix®-hexa should be offered for children under 5 years of age if *Haemophilus influenzae* type b (Hib) or hepatitis B catch up vaccinations are required. Age appropriate catch up tables can be found in Appendix 2 of the Immunisation Handbook 2011.
- ADT™ Booster, Adacel® and Boostrix® are not licensed for use in a primary course. However no safety concerns are expected when they are used in a primary course. The Ministry of Health recommends that they can be used to complete a tetanus primary course for children aged 7 years and over, and adults. Only ADT™ Booster is funded. **Adacel® and Boostrix® must be purchased from the manufacturer's distributor.**
- Boostrix® is funded for a single adolescent dose at 11 years of age or as a catch up of this dose. It can only be used once in catch up schedules for adolescents from 11-15 years.