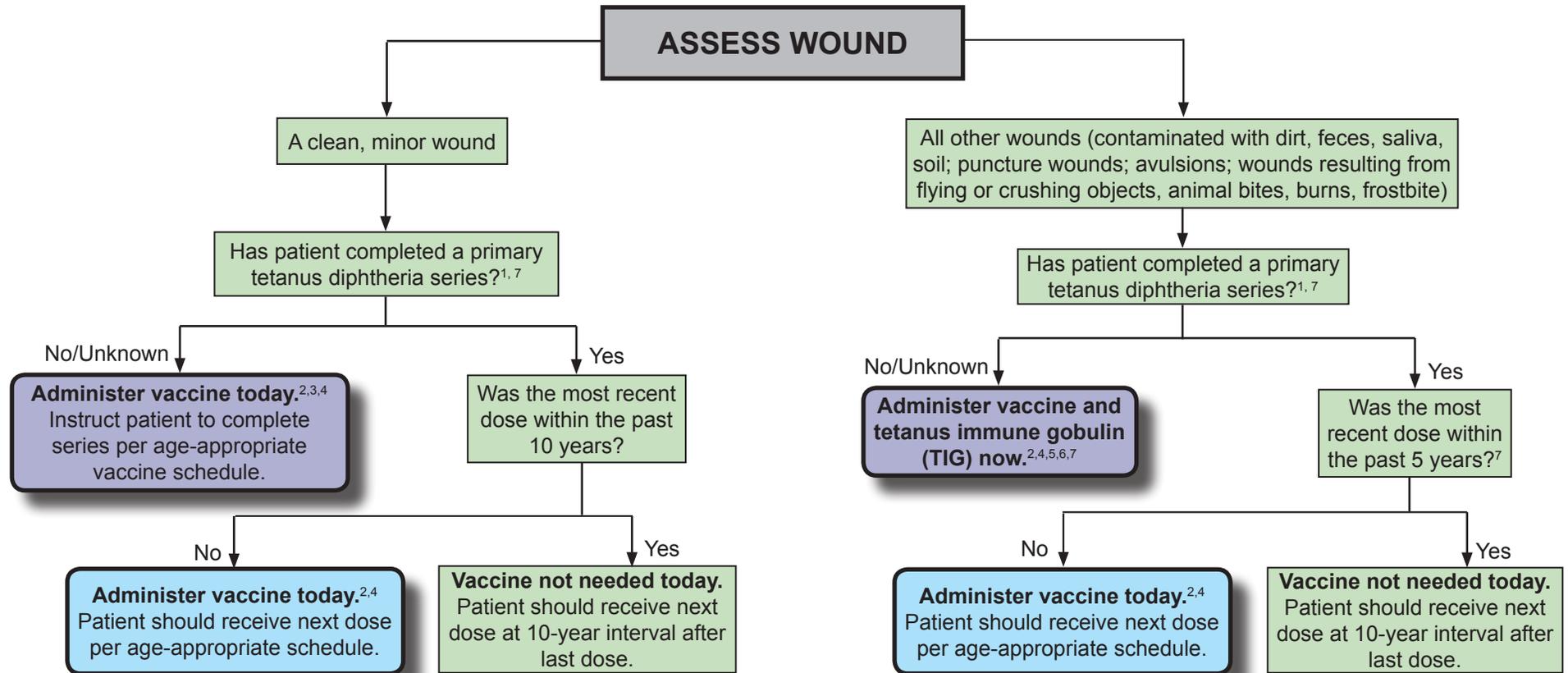


Summary Guide to Tetanus Prophylaxis in Routine Wound Management



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 and older;
- Tdap for persons 11 through 64 years of age if using Adacel* or 10 years of age and older if using Boostrix*, unless the person has received a prior dose of Tdap.*

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

* Brand names are used for the purpose of clarifying product characteristics and are not an endorsement of either product.

Tdap vaccines:

- Boostrix (GSK) is licensed for persons 10 years of age and older.
- Adacel (sanofi) is licensed for persons 11 through 64 years of age.

⁴ Tdap* is preferred for persons 11 through 64 years of age if using Adacel* or 10 years of age and older if using Boostrix* who have never received Tdap. Td is preferred to tetanus toxoid (TT) for persons 7 through 9 years, 65 years and older, or who have received a Tdap previously. If TT is administered, and adsorbed TT product is preferred to fluid TT. (All DTaP/DTP/Tdap/DT/TT 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 younger than 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.