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# TETANUS

CLEAN & DEBRIDE WOUND APPROPRIATELY

## TETANUS PRONE WOUNDS



Puncture Injuries In  
Contaminated  
Environments



Wounds With  
Foreign Bodies



Compound  
Fractures



Wounds/Burns  
With Sepsis



Certain Animal  
Bites & Scratches

## HIGH RISK WOUNDS ANY TETANUS PRONE WOUND WITH:



Contaminated Wounds  
Soil, Manure etc



Devitalised Tissue



Wounds / Burns For Surgical  
Intervention > 6 Hours After Injury

## TREATMENT

IMMUNISATION STATUS	WOUND TYPE			GP FOLLOW UP
	CLEAN WOUND <sup>1</sup>	TETANUS PRONE	HIGH RISK	
≥ 3 Vaccines Last Within 10 years  5-10 y/o with 3 Vaccines <u>AND</u> Booster  < 5 y/o with 3 Vaccines	NONE	NONE	NONE	Complete Or Initiate Full Vaccination Schedule Of 5 Vaccines
≥ 3 Vaccines Last > 10 years ago  5-10 y/o with 3 Vaccines & <u>NO</u> Booster  UK Born After 1961 & History of Vaccines	NONE	VACCINE	VACCINE + HUMAN TETANUS IMMUNOGLOBULIN <sup>2</sup>	
< 3 Vaccines Born Before 1961 Unknown Status Immunocompromised	VACCINE	VACCINE + HUMAN TETANUS IMMUNOGLOBULIN <sup>2</sup>	VACCINE + HUMAN TETANUS IMMUNOGLOBULIN <sup>2</sup>	

<sup>1</sup> A Clean Wound is < 6HR Old, Non-penetrating With Negligible Tissue Damage

<sup>2</sup> 250IU Intramuscularly, or 500IU If > 24HR Since Injury OR Risk of Heavy Contamination OR In Burns - [Greenbook](#)