



NATIONAL IMMUNISATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

RECOMMENDATIONS

Tetanus vaccination for unimmunised adults and children 10 years and over

- Unless reliable vaccine history, individuals should be assumed to be **unimmunised**, and a full course of immunisation administered.
- In such situations give dT (**diTe booster**) as the primary series vaccines (three doses) followed by an additional two booster doses.
- If polio immunisation status is also unknown give dTIPV (**Revaxis**) as the primary series vaccines (three doses) followed by an additional two booster doses

Note:

Currently available vaccines licensed for those aged > 10yrs are primarily intended as booster doses following primary childhood immunisation. They may not give an adequate immune response when used for primary immunisation in those aged over 10.

Vaccination schedule

- Three doses with a minimum of one month between doses.
- The fourth dose should be given 5 years after the 3rd dose, and a fifth 10 years after the 4th dose.*

*A minimum of 1 year should be left between the primary course and 1st booster.

*A minimum of 5 years should be left between the 1st and 2nd Boosters.

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