

Tdap Vaccination Protocol

Patients

- Adults younger than 65 yrs who have not already received Tdap. Adults 65 yrs or older without a risk factor.
- Adults of any age in contact with infants younger than 12 mo (e.g. parents, grandparents, childcare providers)
- Healthcare personnel of all ages

When

- Tdap should be given regardless of interval since previous Td.
- For people who are unvaccinated or had an incomplete primary Td series. Complete the series (spaced at 1, 1-2m, 6-12m intervals) substituting a one-time dose of Tdap for the first dose of the series.
- Give Td booster, or Tdap if Td not available, every 10 years after the primary series or booster has been completed.

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Procedure:

- Check to see if Tdap is due and not contraindicated.
- If patient consents to be immunized
 - Give patient a “Tdap Vaccination Information Sheet”
 - Enter an order for Tdap vaccine in EPIC
 - Give the patient a Tdap vaccine and document in EPIC

Contraindications/Risks:

- A history of serious reaction (i.e. anaphylaxis) to vaccine components is a contraindication. Tdap is contraindicated in people who have a history of encephalopathy within 7 days following DTP/DTap given before 7 years of age. An unstable progressive neurologic problem is a precaution to the use of Tdap. For people with stable neurologic disorders (including seizures) unrelated to vaccination, or for people with a family history of seizure, vaccinate as usual. A history of Guillain-Barre Syndrome (GBS) within 6 weeks following previous dose of tetanus-toxoid-containing vaccine is a precaution; consult the clinician before administering.

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Reference: CDC 2012 Adult Immunization Schedule