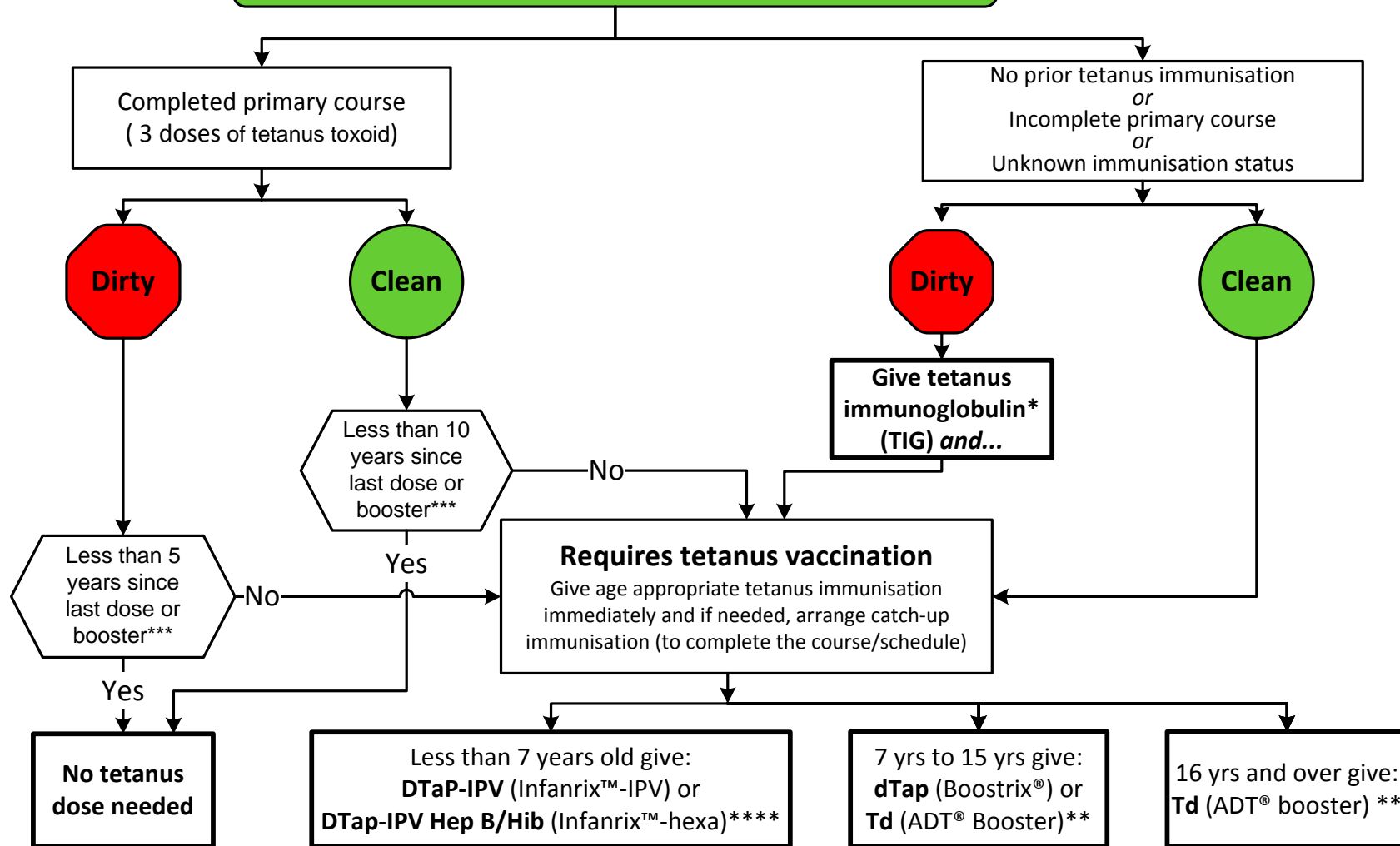


Guidelines for the Management of Tetanus Prone Wounds

START: Check tetanus immunisation history

Dirty wound
Wounds not classified as clean, which may be contaminated, infected, penetrating, more than six hours old and with tissue damage

Clean wound
Wounds less than six hours old, non-penetrating with negligible tissue damage



Ministry of Health guidelines for the management of tetanus prone wounds can be found in the Immunisation Handbook 2006 pgs 157-159 and at www.moh.govt.nz

* Recommendations for the use of tetanus immunoglobulin (TIG) and dosage, Immunisation Handbook 2006, pg 159.

** ADT® booster is not licensed for use as a primary series however the Ministry of Health recommends that both ADT® Booster and Boostrix® can be used to complete an adult tetanus primary course, although only ADT® Booster is funded for adults. dTap is available at primary care providers, Td available at A & M centres. NB: The scheduled dTap booster at age 11 years is not recommended within 2 years of a prior dose of ADT® unless there is a high risk of exposure to pertussis.

*** Booster usually given at ages 11, 45 and 65 years: Immunisation Handbook, 2006, pg 1.

**** Infanrix™-hexa should be considered if hepatitis B (and Hib for under 5 years) is required in catch up schedule.