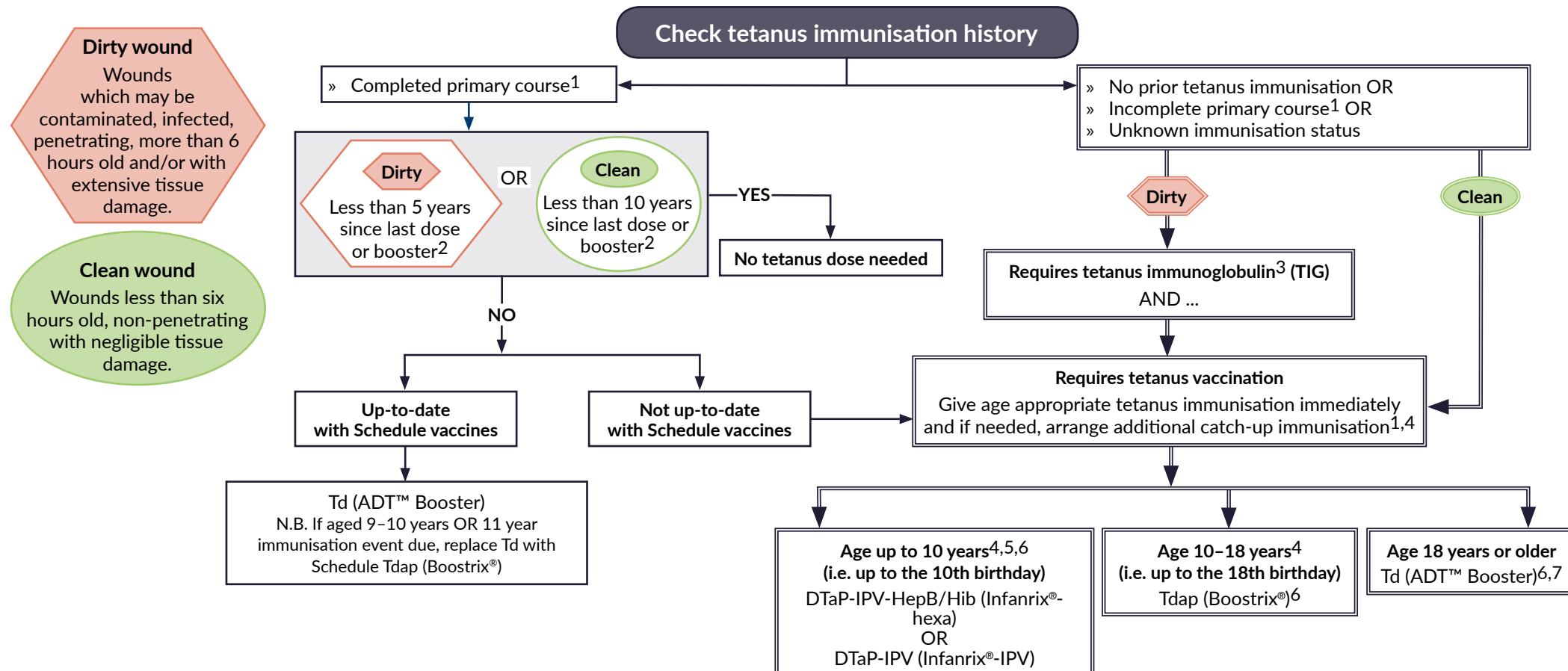


Guidelines for the management of tetanus-prone wounds



Footnotes

- Three doses of tetanus toxoid-containing vaccine are required to complete a primary course. If the vaccine course has been interrupted it may be resumed without repeating prior doses.
- A tetanus booster vaccination is offered at ages 4 years, 11 years in primary care or during year 7 at school, 45 and 65 years, and as part of tetanus-prone wound management.
- Recommendations for the use and dosage of tetanus immunoglobulin (TIG) can be found in the *Tetanus* chapter of the current Immunisation Handbook.
- Refer to the age appropriate catch-up table in the *Planning immunisation catch-ups* appendix in the current Immunisation Handbook. Vaccine choice will be determined by the child's age at presentation, the antigens required to bring their immunisation status up-to-date, and parent/caregiver consent for administration of the required antigens/vaccines.
- Boostrix® may be used for primary immunisation of children aged 7 years to under 10 years.
- ADT™ Booster, Boostrix® and Adacel® are not approved for use as primary immunisation. However, there are no safety concerns associated with their use in a primary vaccination course.
- ADT™ Booster is the only funded tetanus containing catch-up vaccine from 18 years of age. Either Boostrix® or Adacel® can be used as an alternative vaccine to ADT™ Booster but they are NOT funded. Vaccinators MUST have a prescription or standing order to administer these alternative vaccines. They are ordered from Healthcare Logistics.