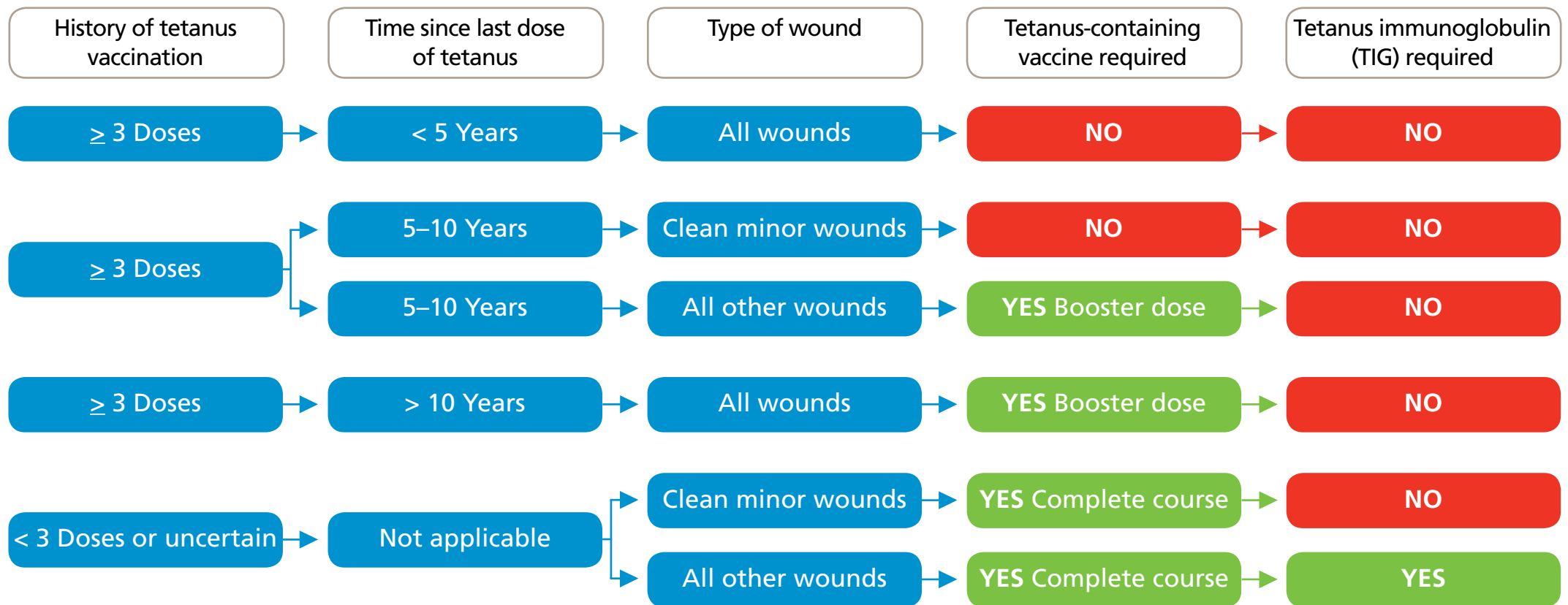


Vaccine recommendations for tetanus-prone wounds



Quick Reference

- Individuals who have **no documented** history of receiving a primary vaccination course (3 doses) of tetanus toxoid-containing vaccines should receive a complete primary course. **See page 292 “Primary Vaccination”** in The Australian Immunisation Handbook 9th Edition 2008.
- Tetanus Immunoglobulin (TIG)** should be used for passive protection of individuals who have sustained a tetanus-prone wound, where the person has not received 3 or more doses of a tetanus toxoid-containing vaccine or where there is doubt about their tetanus vaccination status.
- TIG provides immediate protection, for a period of 3 to 4 weeks. Please refer to **pages 294–295** in The Australian Immunisation Handbook 9th Edition 2008 for further information.

Note: Tetanus Immunoglobulin is available from the Australian Red Cross Blood Service (Inventory & Distribution) phone 8223 6090

For more information: Contact Immunisation Section on 8226 7177

Reference: The Australian Immunisation Handbook 9th Edition NHMRC 2008.



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