Tetanus Prophylaxis in Wound Management

1. Assess patient’s immunization history
   - Determine number of tetanus-containing vaccine previously given
   - Determine when the last dose of tetanus-containing vaccine was given
   - Ask about any previous adverse reactions following tetanus-containing vaccine

2. Assess wound

3. Offer prophylaxis if needed:

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<th>History of Tetanus immunization</th>
<th>For Clean Minor Wounds</th>
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Reference: Canadian Immunization Guide Part 4 Tetanus

1 Refer to NS Immunization schedule for specific tetanus-containing vaccine recommendation based on age.
2 Given at different injection sites using separate needles and syringes.
3 People with this type of wound who have significant humoral immune deficiency should be given TIg even if fully immunized.

4. Report vaccine and TIg received to Public Health

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### History of Tetanus immunization

- **Tetanus-containing vaccine**: For Clean Minor Wounds
- **Tetanus Immunoglobulin (TIg)**: For All Other Wounds

### For Clean Minor Wounds

- **YES**: If unknown or less than 3 doses in a vaccine series.
- **NO**: For all other cases.

### For All Other Wounds

- **YES**: If 3 or more doses in a vaccine series and less than 5 years since last booster dose.
- **NO**: For all other cases.

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4. Report vaccine and TIg received to Public Health

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