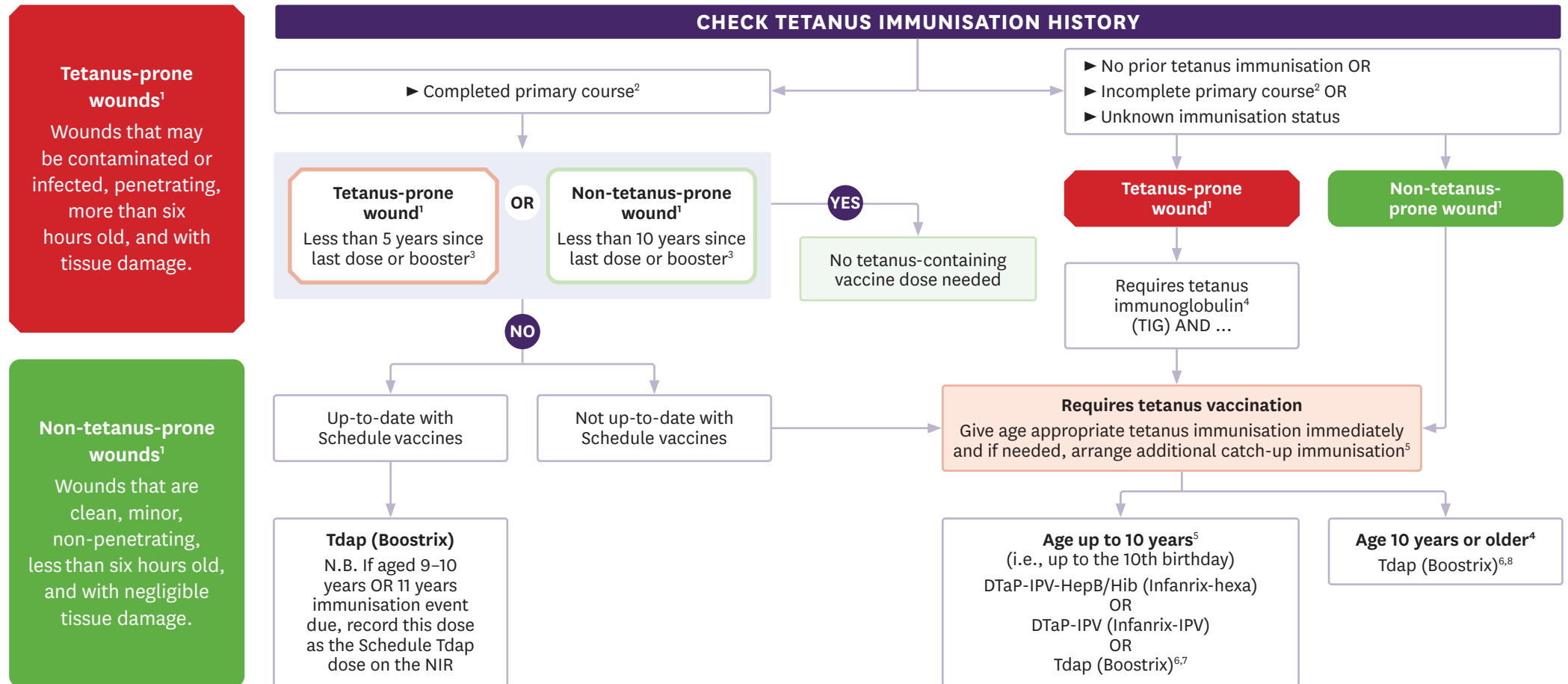


Guidelines for the management of tetanus-prone wounds



Footnotes

- For guidance identifying types of wounds likely to favour the development of tetanus bacteria (tetanus-prone wounds), refer to section 20.5.6 in the tetanus chapter of the current Immunisation Handbook.
- Three doses of tetanus-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 years for adults who have not had four previous tetanus-containing vaccine doses, 65 years, and as part of tetanus-prone wound management.
- Recommendations for the use and dosage of tetanus immunoglobulin (TIG) can be found in table 20.2 in the tetanus chapter of the current Immunisation Handbook.

- Vaccine choice will be determined by the vaccine recipient's age at presentation, the antigens required to bring their immunisation status up-to-date, and for children, parent/caregiver consent for administration of the required antigens/vaccines. Refer to the age-appropriate catch-up table in Appendix 2: Planning immunisation catch-ups in the current Immunisation Handbook for guidance.
- Boostrix is not approved for use as primary immunisation. However, there are no safety concerns associated with Boostrix use in a primary vaccination course.
- Boostrix may be used for primary immunisation of children from 7 years of age, adolescents and adults.
- Boostrix is the only tetanus-containing vaccine available for children from 10 years of age, adolescents and adults.