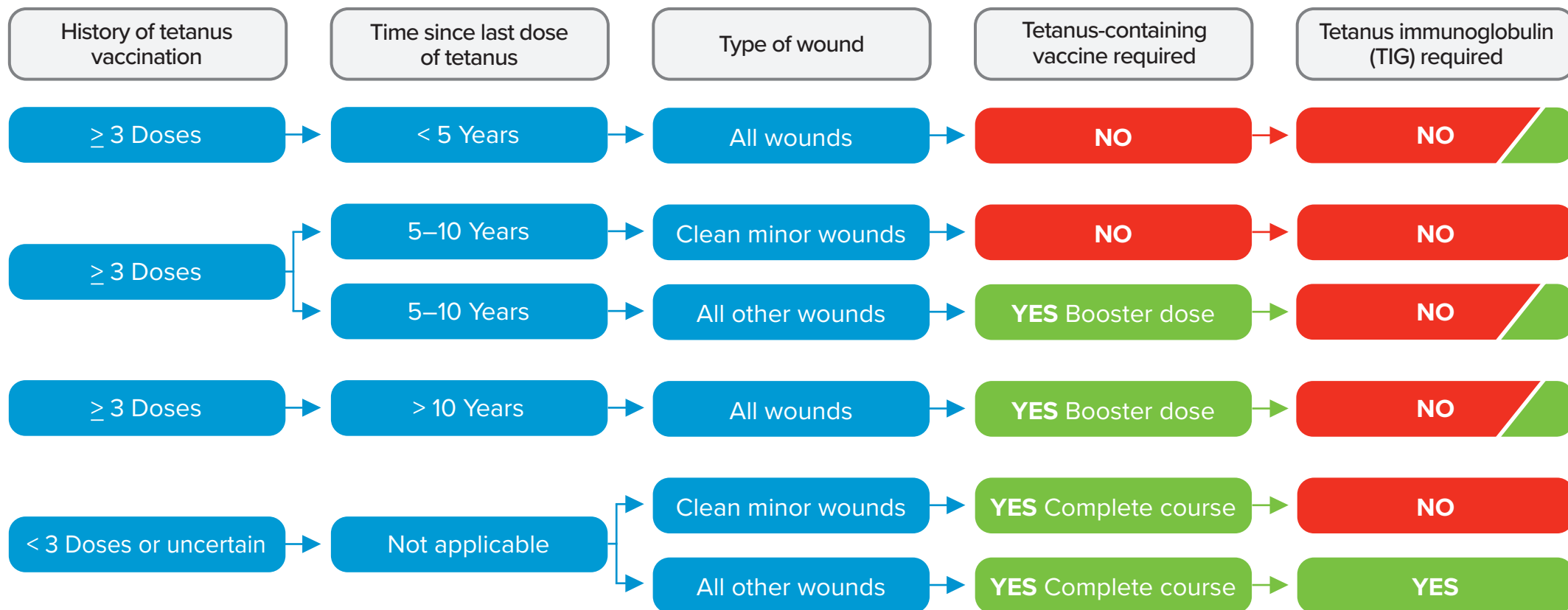


Vaccine recommendations for tetanus-prone wounds



Note:



Individuals with a humoral immune deficiency (including HIV-infected persons who have immunodeficiency) should be given TIG if they have received a tetanus-prone injury, regardless of the time since their last dose of tetanus-containing vaccine.

- Tetanus immunoglobulin is available from the Australian Red Cross Lifeblood (Inventory & Distribution) phone 8223 6090
- The recommended dose for TIG is 250 IU, given by IM injection, as soon as practicable after the injury. If more than 24 hours have elapsed, 500 IU should be given. Because of its viscosity, TIG should be given to adults using a 21 gauge needle. For children, it can be given slowly using a 23 gauge needle.

For more information: Contact the Immunisation Section, SA Health on 1300 232 272

Reference: The Australian Immunisation Handbook immunisationhandbook.health.gov.au - Tetanus section
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