



PHARMACY TECHNICIAN POCKET GUIDE: TDAP VACCINE

Who should receive the Tdap vaccine?

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that all people age 10 and older should be assessed and receive the Tdap vaccine if they:

- **Have not received Tdap.**
- **Are pregnant.**
Women who are pregnant should receive the vaccination during each pregnancy (preferably during the early part of gestational weeks 27 through 36).^{1,2}
- **Are family members or caregivers of infants and have not received Tdap.**
Patients should receive the vaccine before coming into close contact with the infant.^{3,4}
- **Require wound prophylaxis against tetanus** if there is no evidence of tetanus toxoid-containing vaccine in the previous 5 years and have not previously had Tdap.⁴

Please refer to the APhA Tdap Pharmacist Guide for contraindications and precautions. Refer to prescribing information for product-specific information.

If your patient fits any of these criteria, refer them to the pharmacist to further discuss Tdap vaccination.

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When should patients receive the Tdap vaccine?

Adolescents and adults who have not received a dose of Tdap should receive the Tdap vaccine:

- As soon as feasible, regardless of when the patient may have received a tetanus toxoid-containing vaccine without pertussis.³
- At least 2 weeks prior to having contact with a newborn infant.⁴
- At the same time other vaccines are administered but at a different injection site.⁴

Pregnant patients should receive the Tdap vaccine:

- During each pregnancy (preferably during the early part of gestational weeks 27 through 36), regardless of time since prior Td or Tdap vaccination.^{1,2}

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