

# Td Vaccine

## Combined Tetanus and Diphtheria Vaccine



*Vaccination is good protection*



This vaccine protects against tetanus and diphtheria, and their complications.

### DISEASES

Tetanus	Diphtheria
<b>Tetanus causes:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jaw spasms</li> <li>Vocal chord spasms</li> <li>Full-body muscle spasms</li> </ul>	<b>Diphtheria causes:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Severe sore throat</li> <li>High fever</li> <li>Respiratory and heart problems</li> </ul>
<b>Possible complications:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Death (10% of cases)</li> </ul>	<b>Possible complications:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Paralysis</li> <li>Death (5-10% of cases)</li> </ul>

## VACCINE

Vaccination is the best protection against tetanus and diphtheria, and their complications. A booster shot of the vaccine is recommended every 10 years to ensure the best possible protection. In some cases (e.g. dirty wound), a booster shot is given sooner.

The combined tetanus and diphtheria vaccine is safe. Most reactions are harmless and do not last long. Symptoms experienced after vaccination are not necessarily caused by the vaccine.

### REACTIONS

Possible reactions to the vaccine:	What to do:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pain (50% or more), swelling and redness (10-49%) at the injection site</li> <li>Small bump persisting a few weeks at the injection site (1 to 9 per 1,000)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Apply a cold, damp compress to the injection site</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fever and malaise (1-9%)</li> <li>Sterile abscess at the injection site (1 to 9 per 100,000)</li> <li>Severe arm pain and weakness persisting several weeks (1 to 9 per 100,000)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Take acetaminophen or ibuprofen for temperature of 38.5°C or higher</li> <li>See a doctor if symptoms are severe</li> </ul>

As with any drug or biological product, an allergic reaction may occur. If a severe allergic reaction occurs, it begins within minutes and the person administering the vaccine will be able to treat it. That is why you are advised to remain at the clinic for at least 15 minutes after the vaccine is administered.

If you have any questions, ask the person administering the vaccine or contact Info-Santé (8-1-1) or your doctor.

