

# Td Vaccine

## ► Combined Tetanus and Diphtheria Vaccine



*"Vaccination is good protection"*

This vaccine protects you against tetanus, 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 of tetanus include:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Death (10% of cases)</li> </ul>	<b>Possible complications of diphtheria include:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paralysis</li> <li>• Death (5% to 10% of cases)</li> </ul>

## The Vaccine

Vaccination is the best way to protect yourself against tetanus and diphtheria. A vaccine booster dose is recommended every ten years to ensure the best protection possible. In some cases (e.g., a dirty wound), a booster dose is given earlier.

The combined tetanus and diphtheria vaccine is safe.

Inform your health care provider if your child has an allergy to any vaccine, or to latex.

EFFECTS	Possible side effects	What to do
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A few hours after vaccination, you may experience redness and swelling with or without tenderness around the injection site (10% to 85% of cases, depending on the number of doses).</li> </ul> <p>You may also develop a small bump at the injection site that will disappear over the next few weeks.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Apply a cold, damp cloth to the injection site.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• You may run a fever, experience headache and muscle pains (0.5% to 10% of cases), with or without more significant reactions at the injection site.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Take a fever medication such as acetaminophen if your temperature is 38.5°C or over.</li> </ul>
	<p>On rare occasions, serious arm pain and weakness which could last for several weeks have been reported (0.5 to 1 case per 100,000 doses).</p> <p>Severe allergic reactions are rare (1 to 6 cases per million doses).</p>	

Should a severe allergic reaction occur, it would begin immediately and the person who gave the vaccine will be able to treat it. That's why you should stay on site for at least 15 minutes after the vaccination.

For more information, ask the person who gave you the vaccine or another health care provider.