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Procedure:

Tetanus & Diphtheria Toxoid (Td) 0.5 mls IM, deltoid muscle

Indications:

Any adult patient presenting with any open injury to the skin or eye who has completed primary immunization and hasn't had a booster in 10 years

Contraindications:

- Allergy or sensitivity to Td
- Incomplete primary immunization.

Guidelines:

1. Monitoring for adverse reactions after administration for 5 -10 minutes.
2. Td booster in the ED protects against FUTURE exposure not current exposure; therefore, patients can be given the option of non urgent follow-up through their primary care provider.

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