TETANUS

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

TETANUS (LOCKJAW) IS CAUSED BY THE TOXIN PRODUCING BACTERIUM CLOSTRIDIUM TETANI. IT ATTACKS THE NERVOUS SYSTEM.

CAUSED BY BACTERIA IN SOIL ENTERING FLESH VIA A WOUND FROM CONTAMINATED OBJECTS.



SYMPTOMS

- MUSCLE SPASMS
- FEVER
- TROUBLE SWALLOWING
- RAPID HEART RATE
- INCONTINENCE



IMMEDIATE TREATMENT WITH WOUND CLEANING, MEDICATION AND TETANUS ANTITOXIN INJECTION.



- ROUTINE CHILDHOOD IMMUNIZATION (DTAP)
 - 2, 4, 6, 12-23 MONTHS AND 4-6 YEARS
- ADOLESCENT BOOSTER (TDAP)
 - AT 11-12 YEARS
- ADULT BOOSTER (TDAP OR TD)
 - EVERY 10 YEARS
- WITH EVERY PREGNANCY





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