1. What is Td?

Td, also called Td vaccine or tetanus, diphtheria toxoids, is a vaccine used to protect against tetanus and diphtheria.

- Tetanus (T) is a very serious illness that can lead to death if not treated immediately.
- Diphtheria (D) can cause swelling in the throat that can be life-threatening.

2. Td Vaccine:

Td vaccine is given every 10 years to adults. It is usually given at the same time as other vaccines, such as tetanus and diphtheria boosters.

“Td” refers to tetanus and diphtheria toxoids.

3. Why Get Td Vaccinations?

Getting Td vaccines is important to protect against tetanus and diphtheria. It is especially important for people who:

- Have had tetanus or diphtheria in the past.
- Are at risk for contracting tetanus or diphtheria.
- Have not had Td vaccines before.

Guillain-Barré Syndrome (GBS) is a rare, but possible complication of tetanus shots. If you have a severe allergy to Td, you might need to speak with your healthcare provider about your vaccination needs.

See www.immunize.org for more information on vaccines and immunizations.
4. Td Vaccine Administration

- Td vaccine is administered to children and adults. Td vaccine is given to children and adults to provide long-term protection against tetanus and diphtheria. In children, Td vaccine is given at ages 5, 11, and 15 years. In adults, Td vaccine is given every 10 years. For more information, see the Vaccine Information Statement (VIST) at www.vaers.hhs.gov.

5. Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS)

These data have been collected by VAERS (Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System). VAERS is an active system that collects reports of adverse events and deaths following vaccine administration. Reports are reviewed for causality, and the vaccine for which the event occurred is determined. For more information, visit www.vaers.hhs.gov or call 1-800-822-7967.

6. Vaccine Injury Compensation

The National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program (VICP) is a no-fault compensation program that provides compensation for certain vaccine-related injuries. VICP is available for children and adults who have sustained a vaccine-related injury. For more information, visit www.hrsc.gov/vaccinecompensation or call 1-800-338-2382.

7. Vaccine Information

- For more information, visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) website at www.cdc.gov/vaccines.
- For more information, visit the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) website at www.fda.gov/vaccines-blood-biologics/vaccines.
- 800-1-123-4567
- 1-800-232-4636
- 1-800-CDC-INFO

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