

## **Tetanus immunization**

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- Incubation period of tetanus is 10 days; from 4 to 21
- In severe trauma, it can appear in 1-2 days
- Doesn't matter, large or small injury

### **TETANUS-PRONE WOUNDS:**

- > 6 hrs old
- stellate or avulsed
- deeper than 1cm
- missile wounds, crush, frostbite or burn
- signs of infection
- devitalized tissue
- contaminated with stuff
- denervated or ischaemic tissue

### **care for wounds**

- if your debridement was crap, leave the wound open and unsutured

**PASSIVE IMMUNISATION: 250units of human tetanus immunoglobulin (TIG)**

**If the patient has ever received 3 doses of tetanus toxoid, they don't need TIG**

**– UNLESS the wound is 24hrs old**