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Attention all Consultants
Medical Officers
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Re: Replacement of the tetanus vaccine with the combined diphtheria/tetanus vaccine

The tetanus vaccine will no longer be available within the Government Health Services. It will be replaced by a combined diphtheria and tetanus vaccine.

Type of Vaccine	Diphtheria dose	Tetanus dose
Tetanus vaccine	-----	> 40 IU
Adult Diphtheria/Tetanus vaccine	> 2 IU	> 20 IU
Paediatric Diphtheria/Tetanus vaccine	> 30 IU	> 40 IU

The change in the vaccine should not result in any change to the general guidelines for immunization and for the management of tetanus prone wounds.

For your attention please,

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