Use of Tdap in adults aged 65 years and older

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Current ACIP recommendations for adults

Adults aged 19 through 64 years

 For adults aged 19 through 64 years who previously have not received a dose of Tdap, a single dose of Tdap should replace a single decennial Td booster dose.

Adults aged 65 years and older

- Adults aged 65 years and older (e.g., grandparents, child-care providers, and health care practitioners) who have or who anticipate having close contact with an infant less than 12 months of age and who previously have not received Tdap should receive a single dose of Tdap.
- For other adults aged 65 years and older, a single dose of Tdap vaccine may be given instead of Td vaccine, in persons who have not previously received Tdap.
- Either Tdap vaccine product may be used.

Rationale for recommendation change

One Tdap product is now approved for adults aged 65 and older

No demonstrated increased risk of severe local reactions or serious adverse events

Consistent with existing Tdap recommendations

Unchanged ACIPTdap recommendations

General adolescent Tdap recommendation

Tdap administration regardless of interval since the last Td

After receipt of Tdap, persons should continue to receive Td for routine booster vaccination

Adolescents and adults having close contact with an infant should receive Tdap (cocooning)

Proposed for ACIP vote

General adult Tdap recommendation

- Expand age range to include adults aged 65 years and older
- Remove phrase "...a single dose of Tdap should replace a single decennial Td booster dose"

General adult Tdap recommendation Proposed language

For adults aged 19 years and older who previously have not received a dose of Tdap, a single dose of Tdap should be given.

DISCUSSION & VOTE