DTaP

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Pathophysiology Vaccine Description	Diphtheria: Bacteria Respiratory transmission Incubation 2-5 days Tetanus: Bacteria Enters the body through a wound Incubation3-21 days Pertussis: Bacteria Respiratory transmission Incubation 5-10 days Inactivated polysaccharide vaccine, containing
Dose & Route	diphtheria toxoid, tetanus toxoid & acellular pertussis. This vaccine is licensed for administration only to children 6 weeks through 6 years of age. If child is 7 years of age or older, only Td and Tdap vaccines should be administered. (See Td/Tdap section of this booklet) 0.5 mL given IM
Administration Schedule	Dose Recommended Age
*Dose #4 may be administered at 12 months of age if separated by at least 6 months from Dose #3. Dose #4 does not need to be repeated if it has been inadvertently administered ≥ 4 months after Dose #3. The #5 Booster Dose is not needed if Dose #4 is given on or after the 4 th birthday.	
Minimum Intervals	Dose Minimum Interval 1

Contraindications	 Anaphylactic reaction to any of the vaccine components.
	Life threatening allergic reaction after a previous dose of DTaP or DT (Pediatric diphtheria and tetanus vaccine which is used in lieu of DTaP only if there is a contraindication to pertussis vaccine.) Encephalopathy within 7 days of a previous dose not attributable to another identifiable cause
Precautions	Acute, moderate, or severe illness with or without fever. Immunize as soon as illness subsides. Temperature of 105 degrees within 48 hours after a previous dose of DTP/DTaP Collapse or shock-like state within 48 hours after receiving a previous dose of DTP/DTaP Persistent, inconsolable crying lasting ≥3 hours, occurring within 48 hours Convulsions with or without fever occurring within 34 hours Convulsions without fever occurring within 34 hours Convulsions without fever occurring within 34 hours Convulsions without fever occurring within 34 hours Convulsions without fever occurring within 34 hours Convulsions without fever occurring within 34 hours Convulsions without fever occurring within 34 hours Convulsions without fever occurring within 34 hours Convulsions without fever occurring within 34 hours Convulsions with or without fever occurring within 34 hours
Special Situations	Wound management in children less than age 7 years with history of 3 or more doses of tetanus-toxoid-containing vaccine: for all wounds except clean and minor wounds, administer DTaP if more than 5 years since last dose of tetanus-toxoid-containing vaccine