

[Diphtheria-tetanus vaccine](#)

Not recommended as an essential medicine

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ATC codes: [J07AM51](#)

Indication

Need for immunization against combinations of infectious diseases ICD11 code: [QC03.Z](#)

Medicine type

Biological agent

List type

Core

Formulations

All vaccines should comply with the WHO requirements for biological substances.

EML status history

First added in 1977 ([TRS 615](#))

Removed in 1999 ([TRS 895](#))

Sex

All

Age

Adolescents and adults

Therapeutic alternatives

The recommendation is for this specific medicine

Patent information

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Summary of evidence and Expert Committee recommendations



The Committee accepted the recommendation of the WHO Department of Vaccines and Biologicals to modify the list of essential vaccines to list the antigens but not the specific vaccine mixtures. The reason is that there are various combination products intended for different groups of people and that listing all of the recommended vaccines would unduly complicate the list. Specific therapeutic recommendations for vaccines containing single antigens or mixtures of antigens are found in the policy statements of the WHO Department of Vaccines and Biologicals.