# Diphtheria-pertussis-tetanus vaccine

NOT RECOMMENDED AS AN ESSENTIAL MEDICINE

Section: 19. Immunologicals > 19.3. Immunologicals > Vaccines

ATC codes: J07AJ52

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| **Indication** | Need for immunization against diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis, combined<br>ICD11 code: QC03.1 |
| **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)<br>Removed in 1999 (TRS 895) |
| **Sex** | All |
| **Age** | Adolescents and adults |
| **Therapeutic alternatives** | The recommendation is for this specific medicine |
| **Patent information** | Read more about patents. |
| **Wikipedia** | Diphtheria-pertussis-tetanus vaccine |

## 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.