

Tetanus Immunoglobulin (Tlg)

Vaccination,
the best protection

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Tlg consists of antibodies extracted from the blood of numerous donors. It protects against tetanus and its complications. Tetanus is caused by bacteria. There is also a tetanus vaccine that can be given at the same time as the Tlg. Tlg only protects for a few months while the vaccine protects.

Disease	Transmission	Signs and symptoms	Possible complications
Tetanus	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Tetanus is spread by a cut, even a small one, contaminated by dirt, saliva, dust or human or animal stools.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Muscle spasms in the jawVocal chords spasmsMuscle spasms throughout the body	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Respiratory and cardiac problemsDeath (10 to 80% of cases)

Tlg

Tlg is one way of protection against tetanus. Tlg is recommended for persons who may have been exposed to the tetanus bacteria.

Symptoms after immunization

Some symptoms may be caused by the Tlg (e.g. pain at the injection site). Other problems may occur by chance and are not related to the Tlg (e.g. cold, gastro, headache).

Tlg is safe. In most cases, it does not cause any reaction.

Possible reactions to Tlg	What to do
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Pain at the injection siteMild feverRenal problems (rare cases reported)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Apply a cold, damp compress at the injection site.Use a medication for fever or discomfort if needed.See a doctor if symptoms are severe.

We recommend that you stay at the clinic for at least 15 minutes after immunization with Tlg because allergic reactions may occur. If an allergic reaction occurs, the symptoms will appear a few minutes after the immunization. The person giving the Tlg will be able to treat this reaction immediately.

**For any questions, contact the person giving the Tlg,
or Info-Santé 8-1-1 or your doctor.**