Tetanus Vaccination

Patient Information

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Name: ...........................................................
A&E Number: ................................................
Date: ............................................................

A vaccination against tetanus has been given to you/your child in the Emergency Department today.

Vaccination given:
- Tetanus Toxoid Vaccine
- Anti-tetanus immunoglobulin
- Combined Diptheria/Tetanus Vaccine

To protect you/your child against tetanus fully, please:
- See your GP in one month for a second dose.
- See your GP in two months for a third dose.

Make an appointment to see your GP for assessment regarding your immunisation schedule.

Side effects
Most patients are well following tetanus vaccinations but reactions to the vaccine do occasionally occur.

These include:
- A reddened hard lump at the sight of injection. This may take several days to disappear but it is quite normal. Do not squeeze the lump or cover it with a plaster. If it is painful Paracetamol may relieve the discomfort.

Feeling generally unwell
Some people develop a mild temperature in the 48 hours following vaccination. Children may be a little irritable and not feel like eating. Adults may develop headaches, tiredness and muscular aches. Paracetamol or Calpol may help these symptoms and try to have regular cool drinks.