



TETANUS, DIPHTHERIA, & PERTUSSIS (TDAP)

The Physicians at Partners Obstetrics & Gynecology, PA have decided to offer the Tdap immunization during mid class appointments. The Tdap vaccination can protect you against Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Pertussis (Whooping Cough). Until recently, the recommendation for adults was to be immunized with a Td booster every ten years. There has been a rise in cases of Pertussis (Whooping Cough) recently so it is recommended that the booster include Pertussis.

Partners Obstetrics & Gynecology would like to provide new moms and infants immunity to Pertussis. Newborn infants do not receive their first vaccination against Pertussis until two months of age, so if women are immunized during pregnancy, it will therefore extend immunity to the baby. Your baby will receive this immunization along with their other vaccinations at their pediatrician's office.

It is important to remember that this vaccination is not harmful during pregnancy to the patient or the fetus. Of course, as with any vaccination, if there has been any previous allergic reaction to this or any similar vaccination, you should not receive the vaccine.