

## Network 6 Anemia Champions Best Practices

Progression		Best Practices	
69%	⇒	76%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Increase the dialyzer surface area for larger patients</li> <li>▪ Patients with a low hemoglobin are given hemocult cards to evaluate possible GI bleeding</li> <li>▪ Patients who miss treatments receive increased Epogen dosages at the next treatment per protocol</li> <li>▪ Enforce Epogen protocol dosages for patients who are discharged from the hospital</li> </ul>
59%	⇒	78%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Hospitalized patients continue to receive Epogen while in the hospital</li> <li>▪ Hemoglobins are assessed and monitored weekly</li> <li>▪ Epogen changes are made by the Anemia Manager in a timely manner per protocol</li> </ul>
72%	⇒	82%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The facility Epogen and Venofer protocols were reviewed and revised</li> <li>▪ In-services for infection control and hand washing are conducted for both staff and patients to decrease the infection rate</li> <li>▪ Adequate heparinization is provided to prevent clotting and the loss of blood</li> <li>▪ Epogen and Venofer dosing changes are made in a timely manner</li> <li>▪ Stool cards are given to patients with a decreasing Hgb to assess patients for gastric bleeding</li> </ul>
58%	⇒	85%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ At CQI meetings discussed with the team the rationale to not hold Epogen</li> <li>▪ At CQI meetings discussed the importance to titrate Epogen per the Epogen protocol</li> <li>▪ Identified those patients with low hemoglobins and titrated the Epogen dose in a timely manner</li> <li>▪ Identified those with low Tsats and initiated IV iron per protocol in a timely manner</li> <li>▪ Discussed with PD patients the importance of home Epogen administration compliance</li> <li>▪ Hgbs will only be held if Hgb&gt;13 as Hgb continues to increase with patients on low doses of Epogen</li> </ul>
62%	⇒	90%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ RN to educate patients regarding Epogen dosing</li> <li>▪ Non-compliant PD patients with Hgb&lt;11 come into the dialysis center for Epogen dosing</li> <li>▪ Monitor Hgb and adjust Epogen dosing in a timely manner per</li> </ul>



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