

# Grand River Hospital Hemodialysis Anemia Management Protocol

The following protocol, on order of physician, transfers anemia management of hemodialysis patients to nonphysician staff (i.e. RNs and renal pharmacists). The following protocol is intended to serve as a guide and cannot replace clinical judgment. The recommendations included may be inappropriate for specific clinical situations (e.g. patients with hemochromatosis, thalassemia, PRCA, allergy to IV iron or an erythropoiesis stimulating agent (ESA), hx of stroke, active malignancy, hx of malignancy, etc.). The lowest ESA dosage to achieve acceptable Hgb range should be used.

Any change in Hb greater than equal to 15 g/L, OR if Hb is less than 85 g/L OR if Hb is greater than 139 g/L and on ESA (or ESA on hold) → Notify nephrologist

