

**Home Health VNA
IV Medication Clinical Fact Sheet**

IV Medication: Darbepoetin Alfa / Aranesp / Epogen Risk Level: n/a
Med Class: Colony Stimulating Factor

Common Uses: Anemia, Chronic Renal Failure
Labs to Monitor: Monitor H&H Levels

Instructions/Precautions: Given IV Push; Initiate treatment when hemoglobin < 10g/dl; do not shake, do not use if discolored; refrigerate; SE: hypertension, seizures, MI, stroke symptoms, blood clots in legs

First Dose Allowed:

Y

Central Line Only:

N

Vesicant:

Y

See Procedure Manual: n/a

Notes: Only drugs listed as First Dose Allowed may be given in the home as a first dose and are considered for a first dose on a case by case basis by the IV Program Manager
The IV Manager and/or Clinical Director must be consulted before a first dose referral is accepted

Risk Levels: n/a = Routinely given; Clinician must be approved to administer IV medications
1= IV Program Mgr or Clinical Director approval before referral is accepted
2= IV Program Mgr notification; Clinicians must review Special Instructions