



# **Best Management of Cancer Anemia: Optimum Dosing and Efficacy of Epoetins**

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# Key Points to Managing Anemia

- The incidence of moderate to severe anemia is increasing with the extensive use of chemotherapy<sup>1,2</sup>
- Treatment of mild to moderate anemia (Hb <11 g/dL) may relieve fatigue and prevent severe functional decline in chemotherapy (CT) patients<sup>1</sup>
- Optimal hemoglobin [Hb] level is ~12 g/dL<sup>3</sup>
- Epoetin alfa dose must be appropriate to achieve a reliable and predictable response (Hb rise of 1 g/dL in 4 weeks)

# Open Questions

- **How prevalent is anemia in cancer patients and what are treatment patterns?**
- **What is the optimal Hb level for initiation of anemia treatment?**
- **What are the benefits of alternative dosing strategies?**
- **What are the latest data supporting efficacy of epoetin alfa in cancer patients?**