Burden of Anemia Due to Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD)



Higher Clinical Burden Is Demonstrated in Patients With Anemia and CKD (Stages 3-4)



Annual Hospitalization Rate Is Significantly Higher³



Reduced Quality of Life Is Associated With Anemia in Patients With CKD (Stages 3-5D)

Fatigue Is More Common⁴



Activity Impairment Increases With Disease Progression⁴



Anemia Is Correlated With Accelerated CKD Progression³



Trends in the Treatment of Anemia Due to CKD

Current therapies available include iron supplementation, ESAs, and RBC transfusion. These treatments improve clinical measures, and clinical practice guidelines recommend balancing their potential benefits with associated risks.⁶

The introduction of ESAs represented a breakthrough in therapy.^{6,7} They have remained a mainstay for the treatment of anemia due to CKD for the past 30 years by increasing Hb levels and decreasing the need for RBC transfusions.⁶

Several randomized clinical trials have demonstrated that higher hemoglobin targets $(\geq 13.0 \text{ to } 14.0 \text{ g/dL})$ with ESA use are associated with increased cardiovascular risk, leading to changes in regulatory and clinical practice guidance.^{6,8,9}

Abbreviations List: CKD, chronic kidney disease; CV, cardiovascular; DD, dialysis-dependent; EPO, erythropoietin; ESA, erythropoiesis-stimulating agent; FDA, Food and Drug Administration; Hb, hemoglobin; KDIGO, Kidney Disease Improving Global Outcomes; MET, metabolic equivalent task; NDD, non-dialysis-dependent; pts, patients; RCT, randomized controlled trial; USRDS, United States Renal Data System References:

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