

Anemia Chat: Understanding anemia of CKD

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Key takeaways

- Anemia is very common in patients with CKD and its frequency and severity increase with the severity (stage) of the CKD.
- Anemia causes many symptoms including fatigue, loss of stamina, shortness of breath and dizziness.
- The cause of anemia in most patients with CKD is iron deficiency and EPO deficiency.
- Iron and EPO replacement are effective in most patients with CKD, but there are side effects associated with high doses of both agents.
- New agents for anemia in the development pipeline can be administered orally and may offer greater convenience and patient access.

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