

Table 2. Darbepoetin dosing*

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| Starting dose | Adults: 0.45 mcg/kg IV or SC once weekly |
| Reduce dose when | 1. Hemoglobin is greater than 12 g/dL (decrease by 25%) 2. Hemoglobin increases by more than 1.0 g/dL in a two-week period (hold if hemoglobin increases with reduced dose) |
| Increase dose if | Hemoglobin increase is less than 1 g/dL over four weeks |
| Maintenance dose | Based on individual response |
| Suggested target hemoglobin | 12 g/dL |

* Dosing recommendations for patients with CRF.