

Table 1. Pharmacokinetic parameters

Variable	Darbepoetin alfa	Epoetin alfa
Half-life	21 hours (IV) 27-89 hours (subcutaneous [SC])	4-13 hours (IV) 5-24 hours (SC)
Bioavailability	30-50%	21-31%
Usual dose	0.45 mcg/kg/wk	50-100 U/kg three times a week
Formulations	IV, SC	IV, SC