

Iron studies (TSAT, TIBC, Ferritin) monthly when EPO dose > 3000 units/week. (Tw 5.08 0 Tw 5.08)

25% then quarterly in January, April, July and October.

- b. Draw iron studies (iron saturation and ferritin) monthly when EPO dose >15,000 units/week.
- c. Iron labs must be drawn at least 7 days after last IV iron dose or transfusion.

3. **ESA's:** Do not start ESA's until iron saturation is > 25%.

4. **Administration:** Give Venofer IV push over 2 minutes.

5. **Infection/Antibiotics:** HOLD IV iron if patient has signs of significant infection or is on antibiotics.

6. **Dosing:**

a. **Test Dose (First Dose Only):**

- i. Administer Venofer test dose of 0.5 cc (100mg/5cc vial) over 3 minutes for the first dose only to assure no allergic reaction. Wait 3 minutes, and then give the remainder.
- ii. Observe the patient in the dialysis unit for 30 minutes following the initial dose of IV iron to watch for possible drug reactions.
- b. Patients transferring from in-center will be converted to Venofer per home dialysis programs iron protocol.
- c. When possible give 2x/week doses on the first and last day of the week.
- d. Based on patient's most recent iron studies give Venofer per tables below.
- e. For high Hgb, refer to EPO S/O.

# Northwest Kidney Centers

Home

**Northwest Kidney Centers**

Home Hemodialysis Standing Orders - Iron

**7. Hemoglobin:**

- a. CFooter0 Tc 0 Tw 2.4270 Td( )Tj0.004 Tc 0.003 Tw 8 4Tw 2.38 T8.04eID 0 1 T

**Patient Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **NKC#** \_\_\_\_\_