Kidney Centers

Chronic Maintenance In-Center Hemodialysis

Standing Orders - Iron

Sodium ferric gluconate (Na Ferric Gluc Cplx in Sucrose) (ICD10- D63.1)

1. Goal: Iron saturation 30 - 50%

- **2. Labs:** (ICD10 = E83.10)
 - a. Draw iron labs quarterly (ferritin and iron saturation) Jan.-Apr.-Jul.-Oct.
 - b. Wait a minimum of 7 days after the last dose of Sodium ferric gluconate before drawing iron labs.

3. Hemoglobin:

- a. If hemoglobin is greater than or equal to 12 g/dL or ferritin is greater than or equal to 1000 ng/mL, hold Sodium ferric gluconate.
- b. When hemoglobin then decreases to less than 12 g/dL and ferritin decreases to less than 1000ng/mL, restart iron per protocol.
- **4. Infection/Antibiotics:** HOLD IV iron if patient has an infection requiring IV antibiotics. If patient is still receiving IV antibiotics more than 2 weeks, then can resume IV iron dosing at that time.

5. Sodium ferric gluconate dosing:

- a. Based on most recent iron labs, give IV Sodium ferric gluconate per table below.
- b. Doses with frequency "every run" may be given up to 3x/week depending on patient's dialysis schedule.
- c. Maintenance dosing: 125 mg given every 4 weeks. Dose should start the second full week of the month (mid-week run preferable). A full week is defined as a week in which the Sunday falls in the calendar month.

| If | Actions |
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| Iron Saturation | IV Sodium ferric gluconate Dose |
| < 20% | 125 mg every run \times 6, then give monthly maintenance dose the following month |
| 20 - < 30% | 125 mg every run ×3, then give monthly maintenance dose the following month |
| 30 - 50% | 125 mg every month (maintenance dose) |
| > 50% | Hold Sodium ferric gluconate, recheck iron saturation every month <i>until iron saturation falls below 50% again</i> . Follow rules above. |

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