

DRUG CARD

Epoetin

Epogen

Generic Name

Trade Name

Pharmacologic Class: • Hormones

Therapeutic Class: • Antianemic

Action: Stimulates erythropoiesis (production of RBCs)

Indication: • Anemia

- Side Effects: • Headache
- Joint/muscle pain
 - Diarrhea
 - Cold symptoms

Patient Education: • Monitor blood pressure during therapy

Reason Given (Disease States): _____

Nursing Process

Pre-Administration Assessment:	Post Administration Evaluation:	Nursing Considerations: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Assess dialysis shunts• Contraindicated in albumin hypersensitivity• May cause:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Seizures- CHF- MI- CVA- Hypertension• Do not shake vial• Initiate seizure precautions• Monitor<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Bleeding times- Signs of anemia
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Other: _____

