

Optimizing Anemia Management: From Algorithm to Artificial Intelligence

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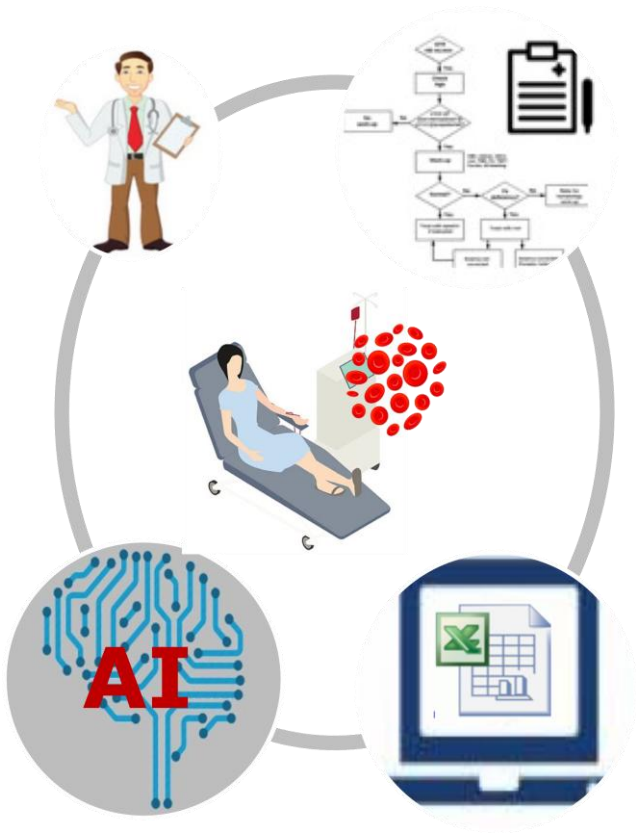
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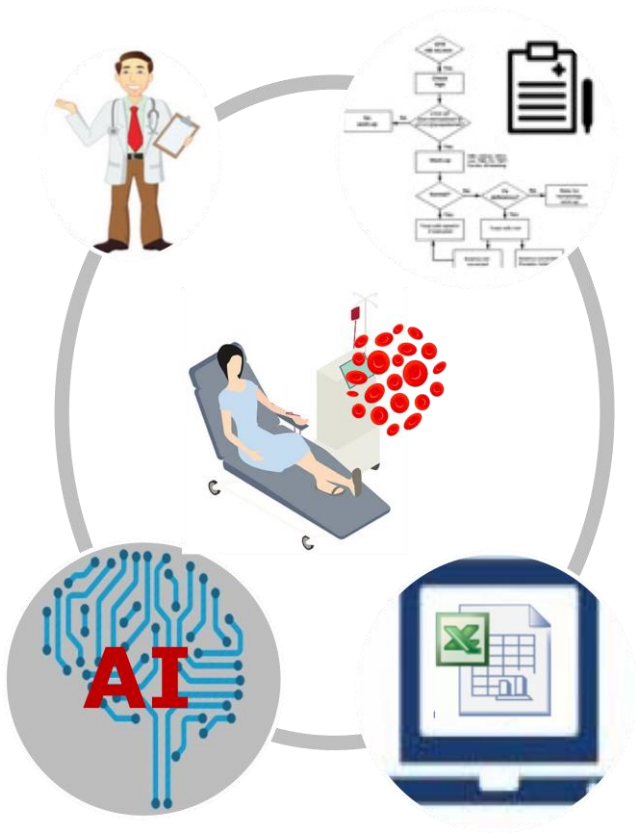
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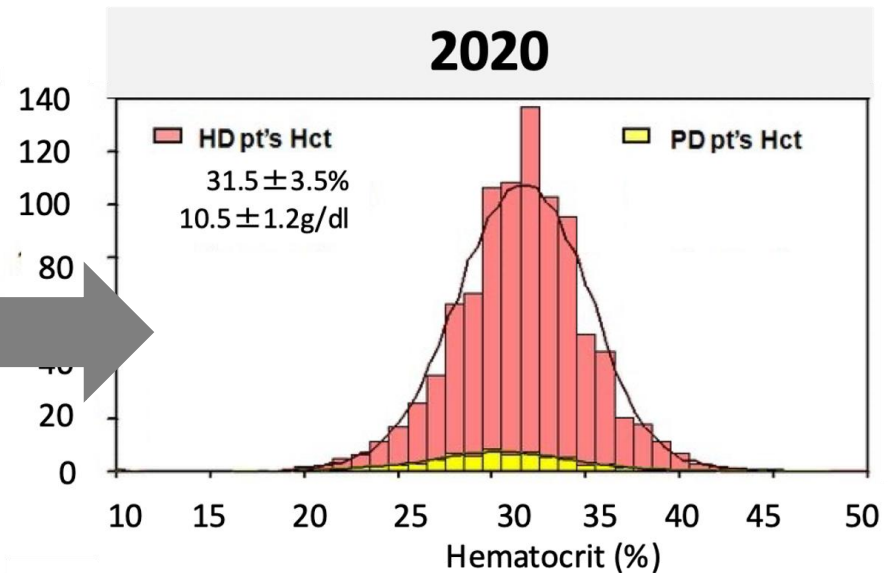
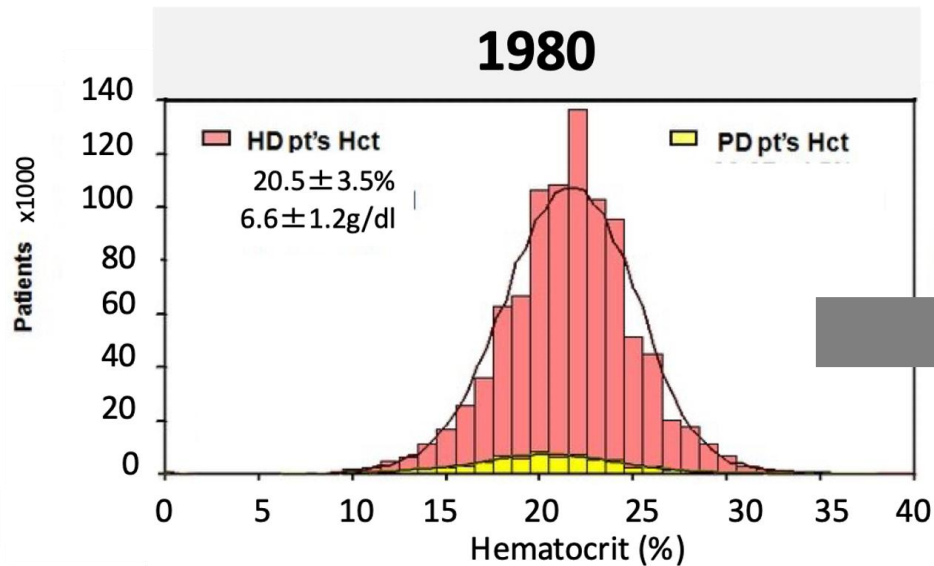
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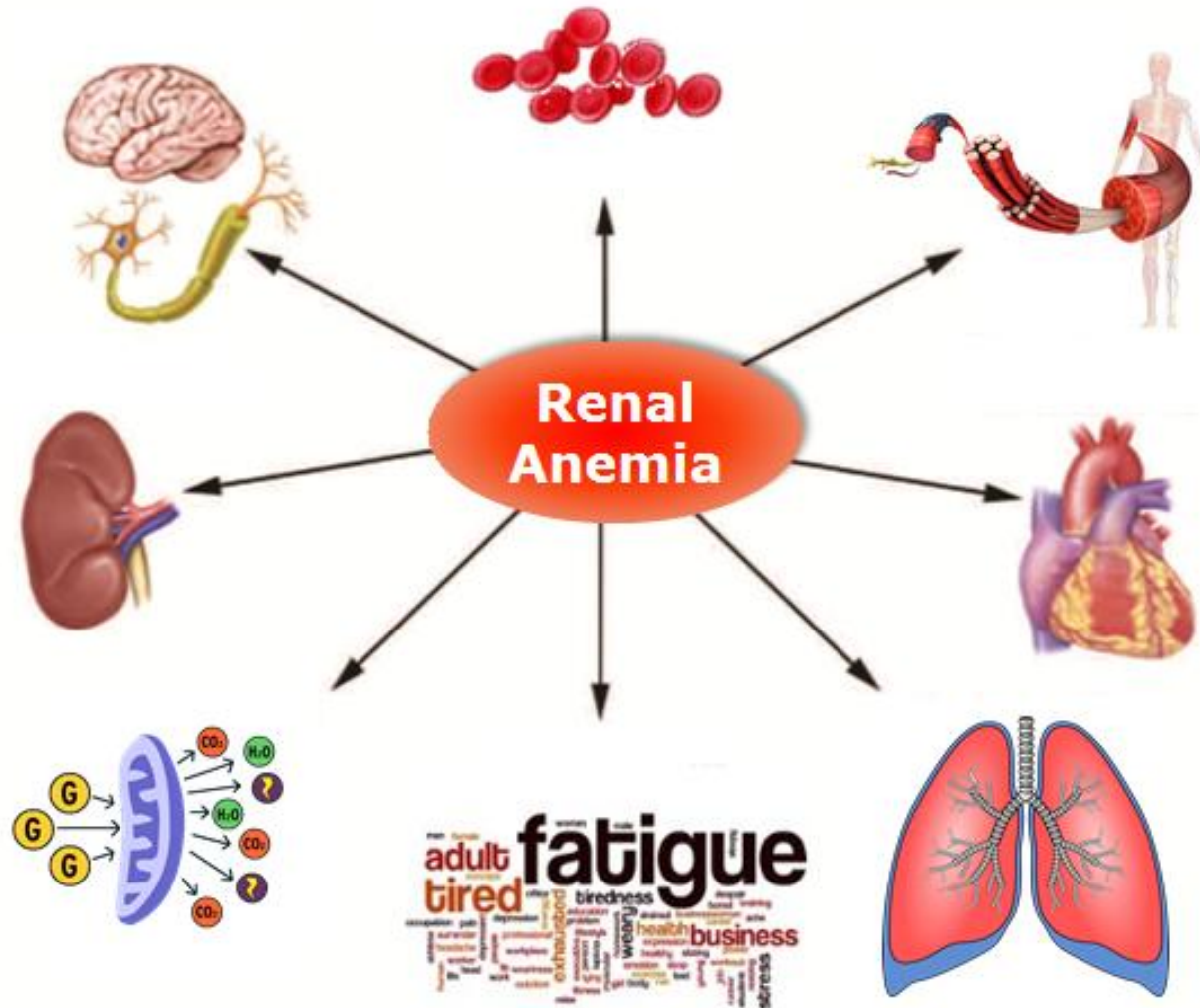


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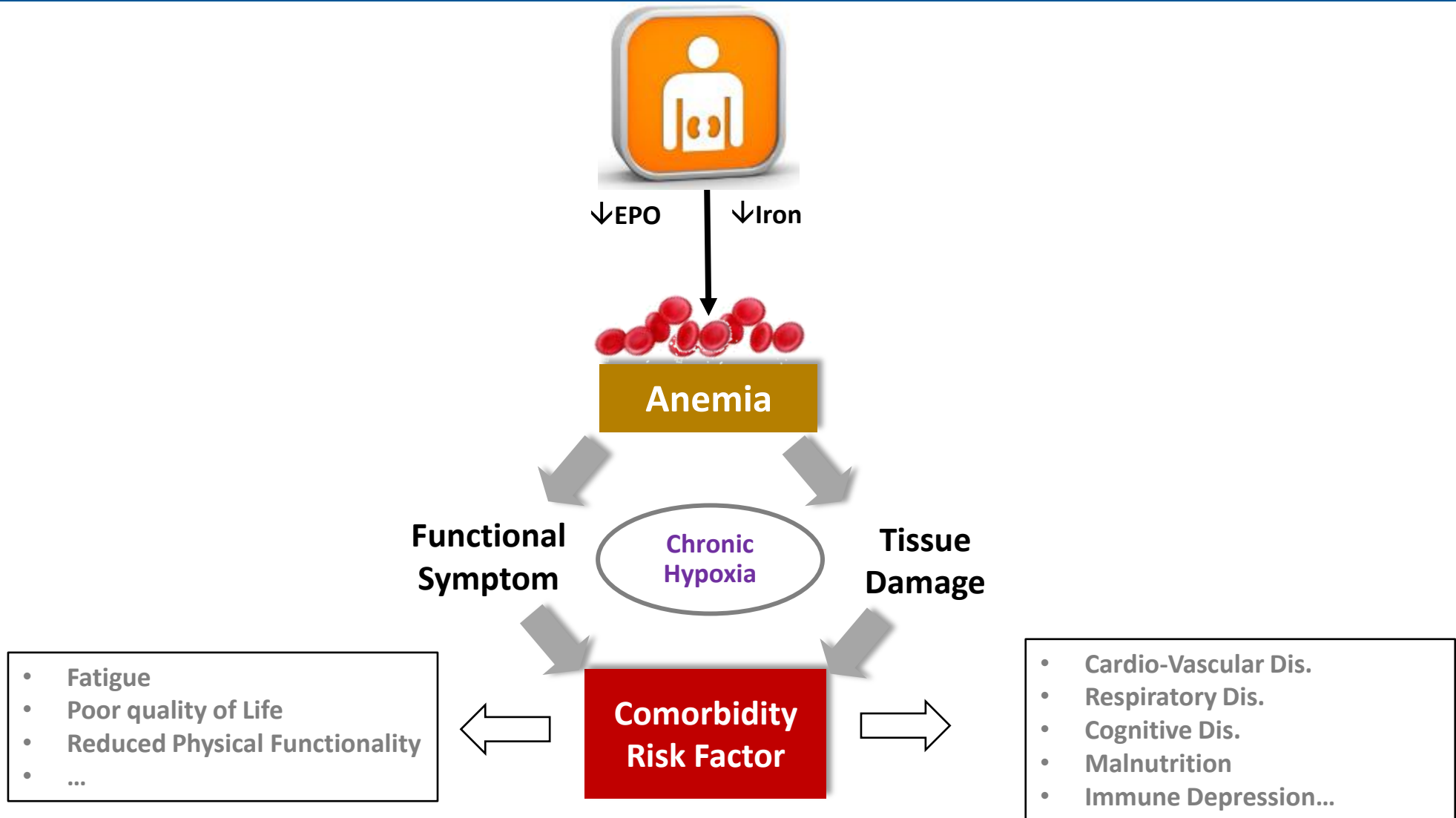
Forty Years of Dialysis in Pictures



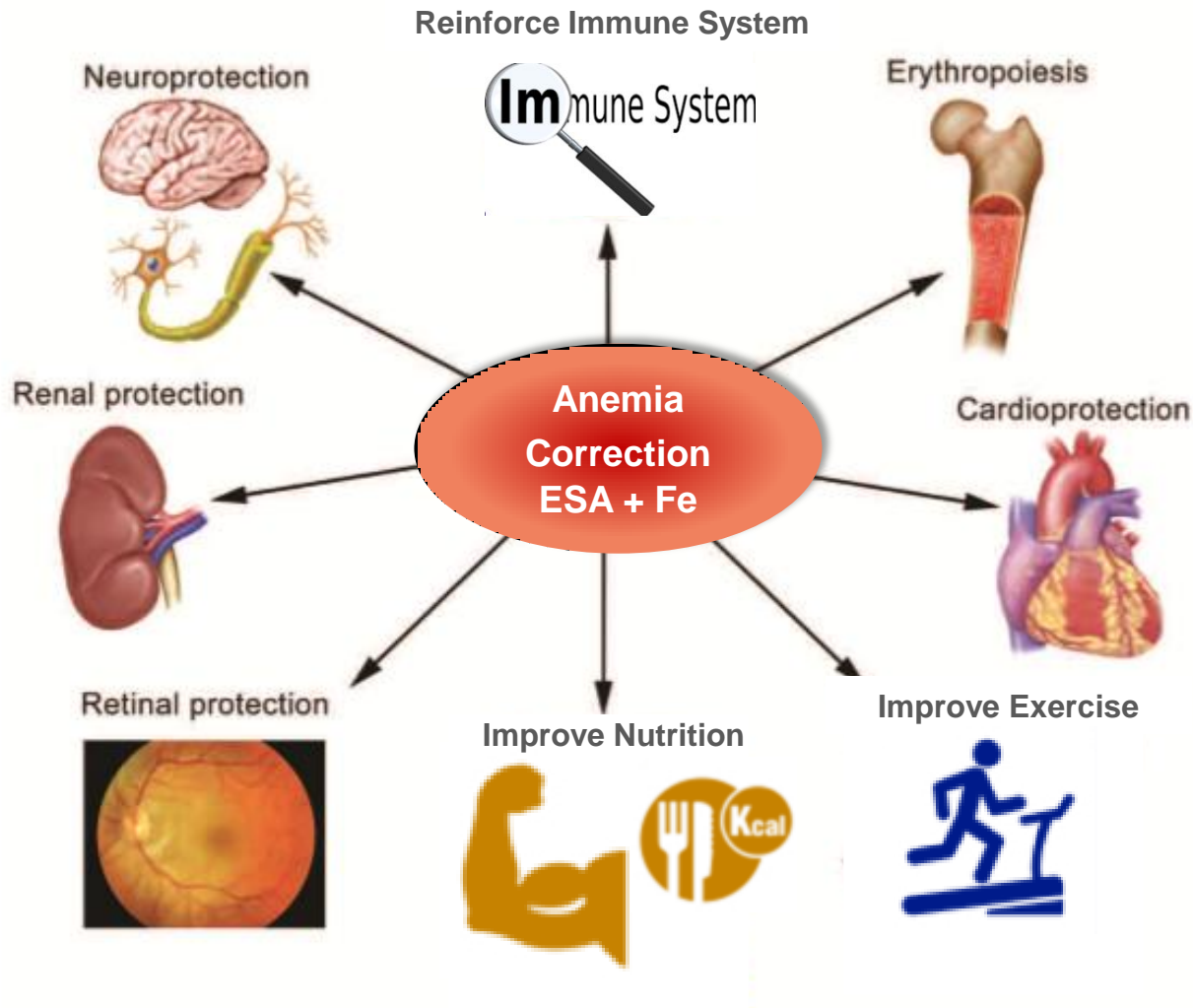
Renal Anemia has Multiple Effects in CKD5D Patients



Anemia is an Additional Pathogenic Factor (Hypoxia) in HD Patients



Correction of Anemia is Associated with Biological and Clinical Benefits in HD Patients



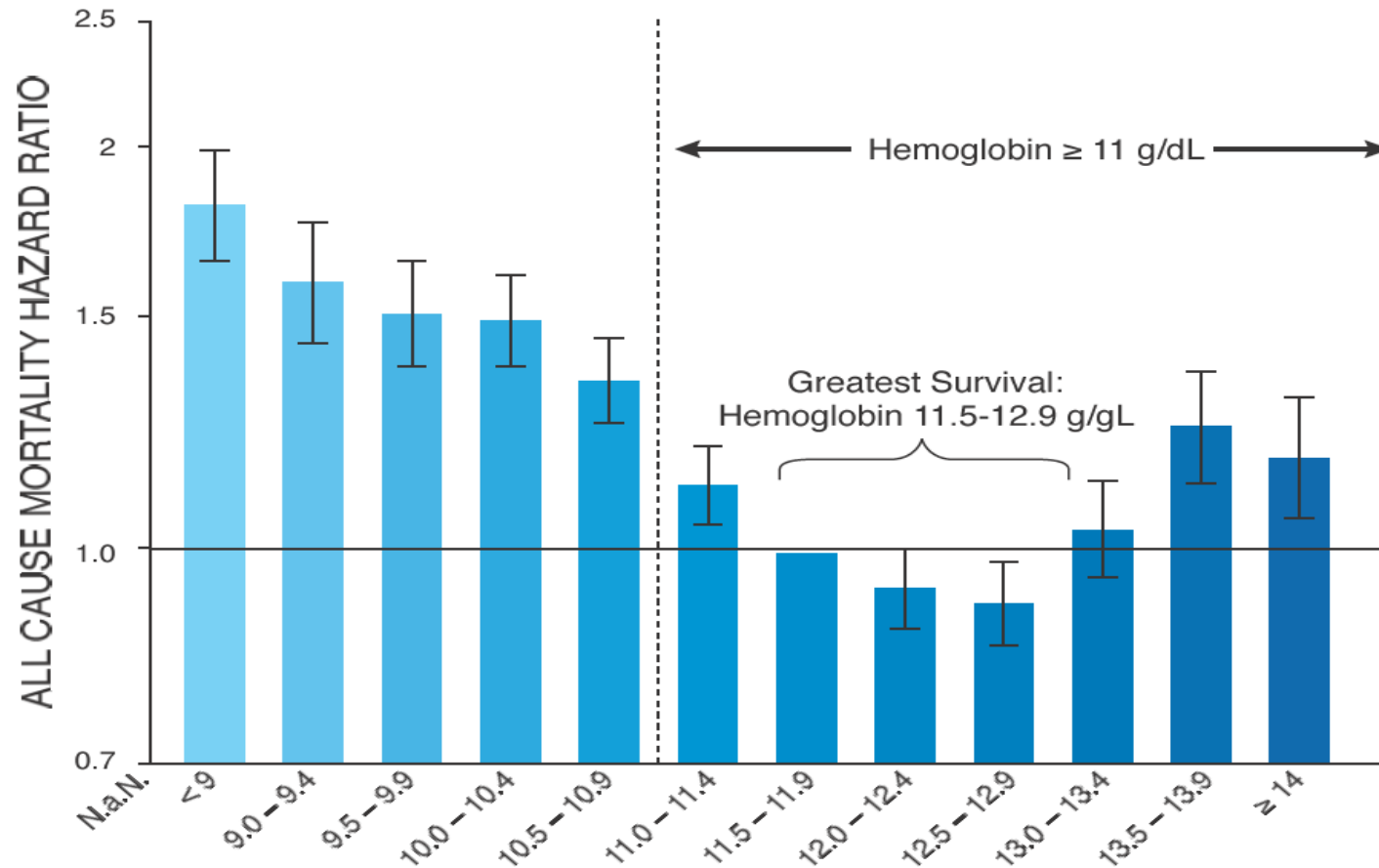
Improve patient outcomes

↑ Patient perception (HRQOL)
↓ Morbidity
↓ CV Mortality

Value based care

- Cost-Effective
- QALY

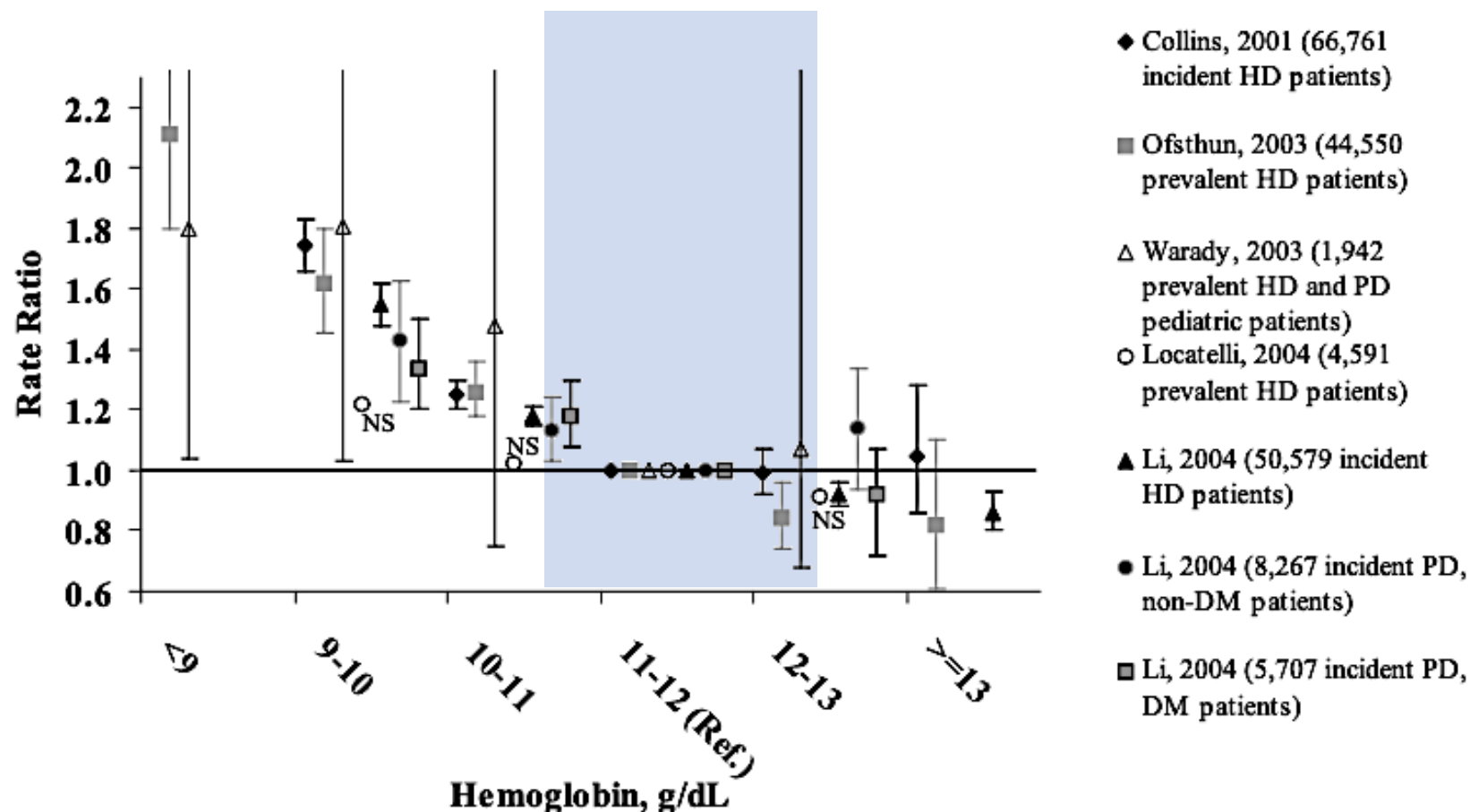
Hazard Ratio for All-Cause Mortality Based On Time-Dependent Hb Levels Over 8 Calendar Quarters in a LDCP



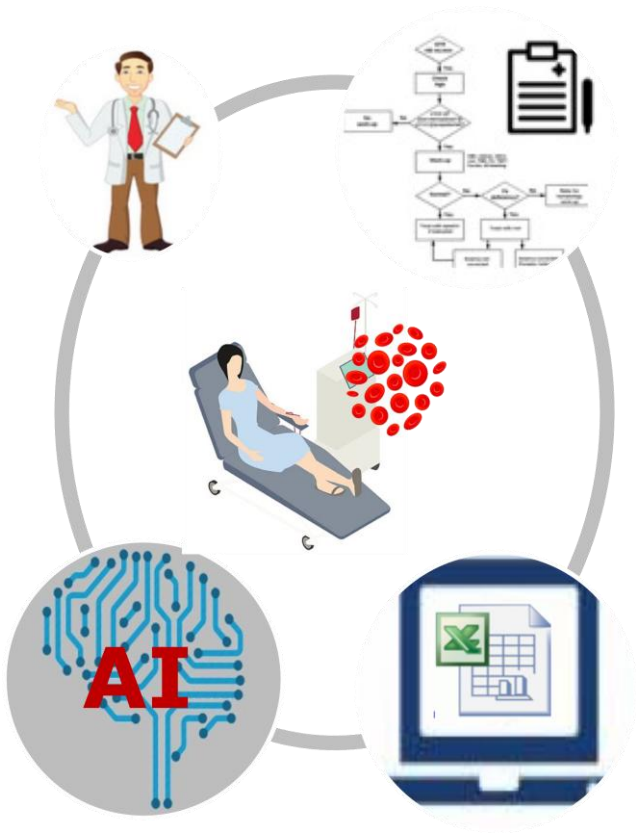
Retrospective Cohort Study
(July 2001 to June 2003)
58,058 MHD patients
DaVita dialysis clinics US

Kalantar-Zadeh K et al, *J Am Soc Nephrol.* 2005;16(10):3070-80.

Evidence-Based Systematic Literature Review of Hemoglobin and All-cause Mortality In Dialysis Patients

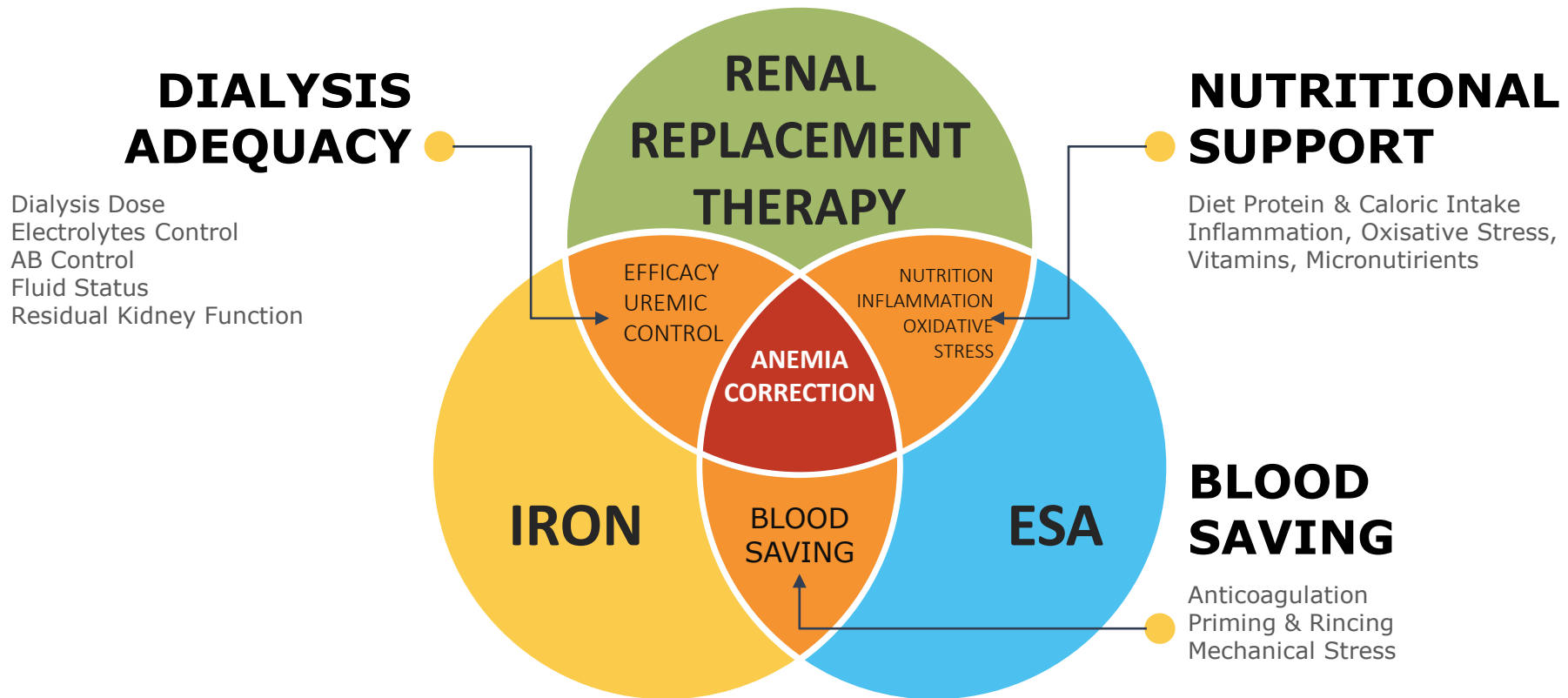


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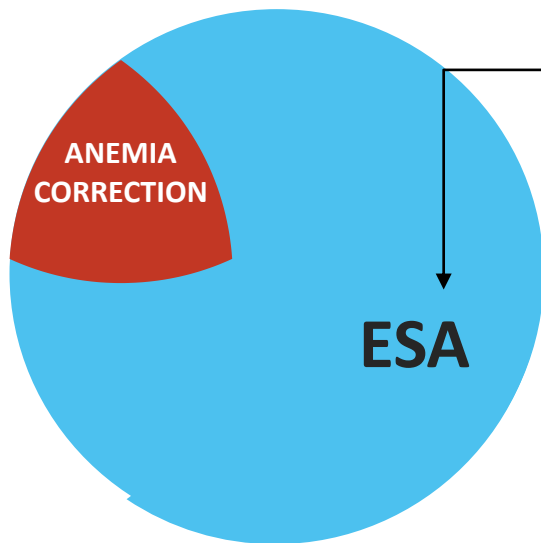


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Factors Involved in Anemia Correction of CKD5 Dialysis



Erythropoietic Stimulating Agents



ERYTHROPOEITIC STIMULATING AGENTS

- Human Recombinant Erythropoietin

- Epoetin α (Eprex, Orthobiotech; Epoetin, Amgen)
- Epoetin β (Neorecormon, Roche)

- Erythropoietin Biosimilar

- Epoetin α, β, δ ...

- Engineered Erythropoietin

- Darbepoetin α (Aranesp, Amgen)
- Methoxy Polyethylene Glycol-Epoetin β , (Mircera, Roche)

- EPO Mimetic Peptides (Withdrawn from market)

- Hematid, Affymax

- HIF Prolyl-Hydroxylase Inhibitors (Ongoing studies)

- Roxadustat (FibroGen, Astellas, AstraZeneca)
- Vadadustat (Akebia Therapeutics)
- Daprodustat (GlaxoSmithKline)
- Molidustat (Bayer)

IV/SC Short Acting ESA

IV/SC Long Acting ESA

Oral Administration

Iron Supplementation

IRON SUPPLEMENTATION

Major Oral Iron Supplements

Supplement	Elemental Iron per dosage unit	Frequency
Ferrous sulfate	65 mg/tablet ^a	1 tablet, 1–3 times per day
Ferrous gluconate	38 mg/tablet ^a	1 tablet, 1–3 times per day
Ferrous fumarate	106 mg/tablet ^a	1 tablet, 1–3 times per day
Ferric maltol	30 mg/tablet	1 tablet, twice per day
Ferric citrate	210 mg/tablet	1–2 tablets, 3 times per day
Liposomal iron	30 mg/tablet	1 tablet per day

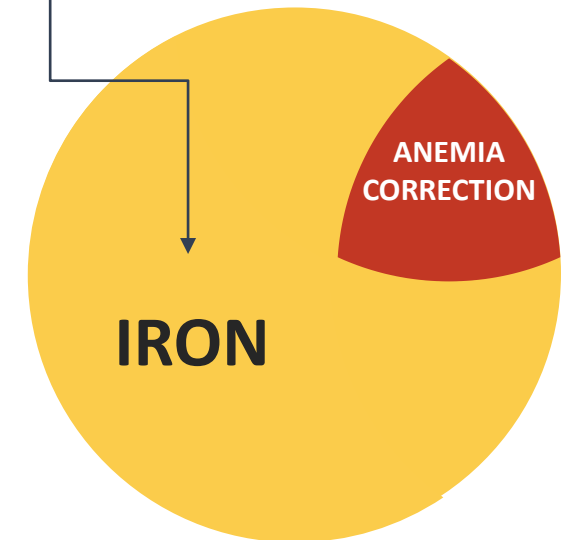
^aFor 325-mg tablets.

Major Intravenous Iron Formulations

Formulation	Dosage	Frequency
Iron sucrose	200 mg	5 doses over 2 weeks
Ferumoxylol	510 mg	2 doses, 3–8 days apart
Ferric gluconate in sucrose complex	250 mg	4 doses weekly
Ferric carboxymaltose	750 mg	2 doses, 1 week apart
Iron isomaltoside	1000 mg	1 dose
Iron dextran (low molecular weight)	500 to 1000 mg	Variable

Water-Soluble Dialysate Iron Formulation

Ferric pyrophosphate citrate (FPC)

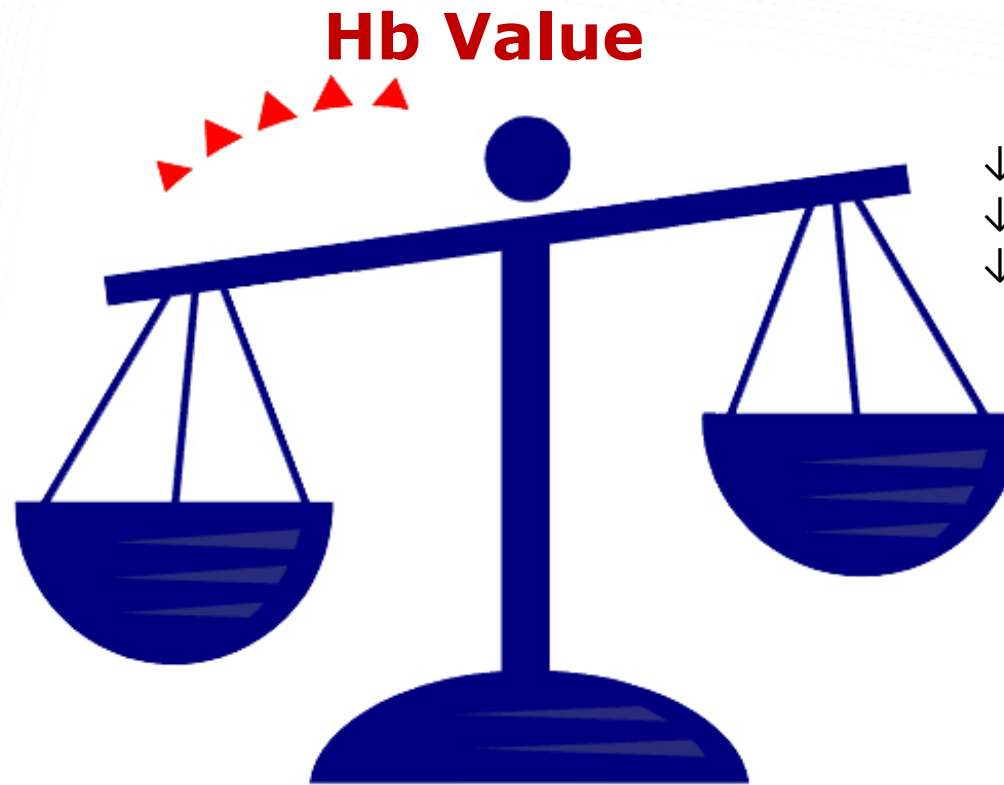


Anemia Correction is Still a Challenge in HD Patients

Balance of Benefits and Harms

BENEFITS

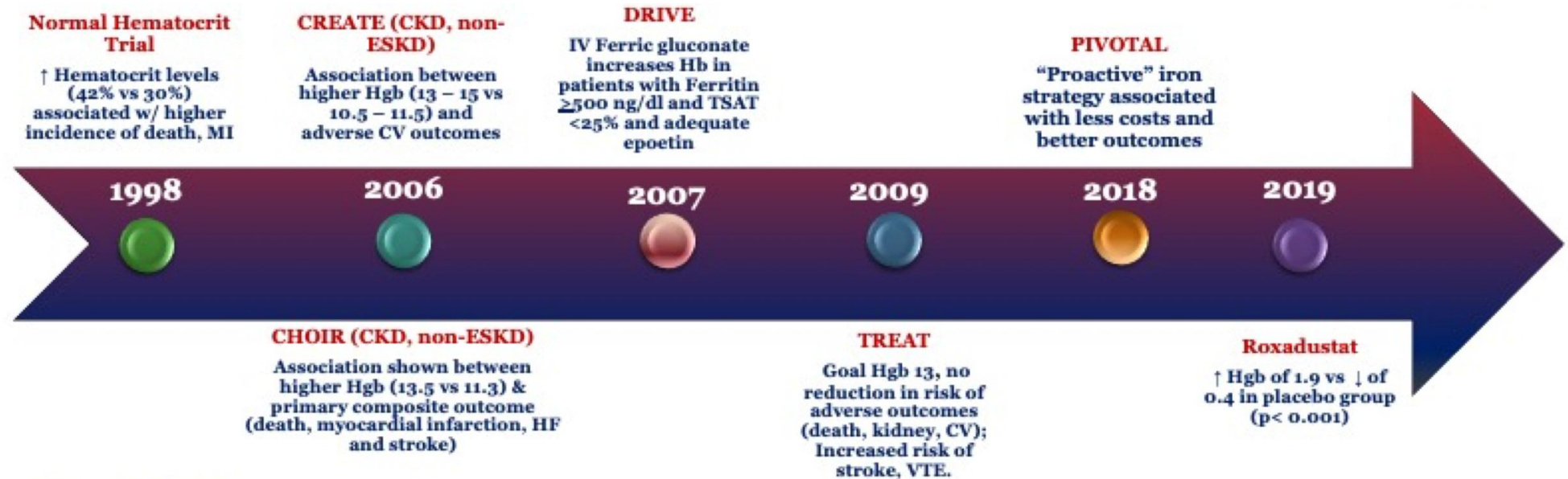
- ↑ Quality of life
- ↑ Physical and social function
- ↑ Cognitive function
- ↑ Nutrition
- ↑ Cardiac function
- ↑ Patient outcomes



HARMS

- ↓ Hazards/Risks
- ↓ Side effects
- ↓ Cost

Landmark Trials in Anemia Treatment in Kidney Disease



- MI: myocardial infarction
- CKD: chronic kidney disease
- ESKD: end-stage kidney disease
- Hgb: hemoglobin (g/dL)
- HF: heart failure
- DM: Diabetes mellitus
- VTE: venous thromboembolism
- HD: hemodialysis
- IV: intravenous

Hb Target Has Changed Over Time and Results

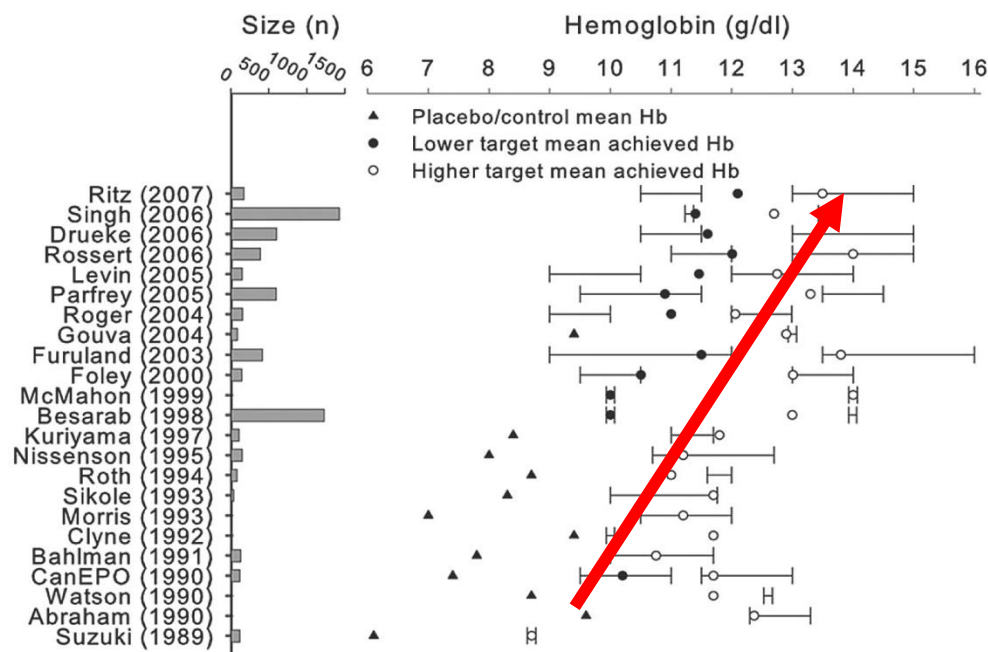
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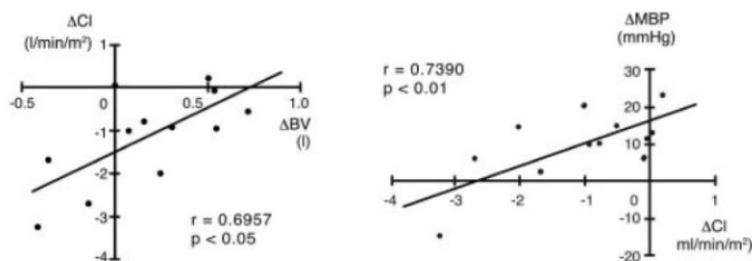
2022



CHOIR, Correction of Hemoglobin and Outcomes in Renal Insufficiency
 CREATE, Cardiovascular Risk Reduction by Early Anemia Treatment with Epoetin Beta
 EMP, Erythropoiesis Stimulating Agent monitoring program - FDA, Food Drug Administration
 NKF KDOQI, National Kidney Foundation Kidney Disease Outcomes Quality Initiative
 TREAT, Trial to Reduce Cardiovascular Events with Aranesp Therapy

Drawbacks Reported with Anemia Management...

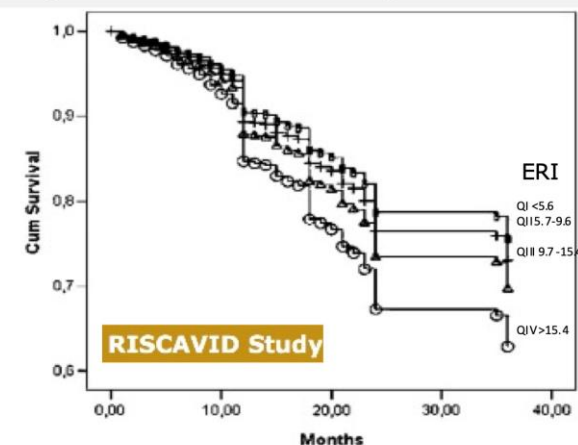
Arterial Hypertension Induced by Erythropoietin and Erythropoiesis-Stimulating Agents (ESA)



Krapf R et al, *Clin J Am Soc Nephrol.* 2009;4(2):470-80.

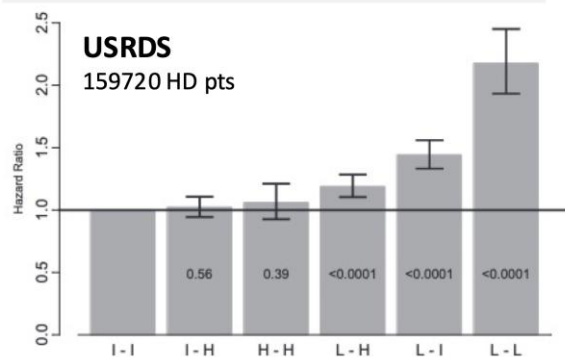
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High ERI is Associated with Higher Risk of Death



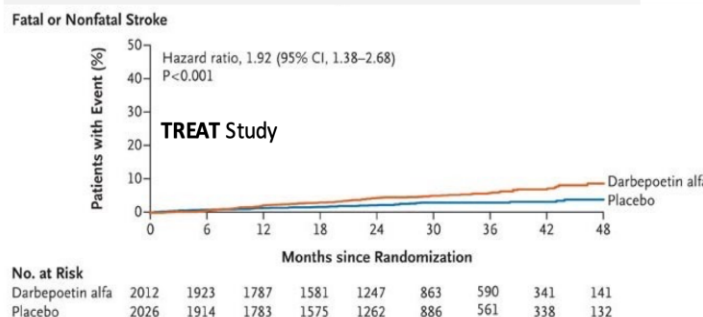
Panichi V et al, *Nephrol Dial Transplant.* 2011;26(8):2641-8

Large Variability of Monthly Hb Values are Associated with Higher Risk of Death



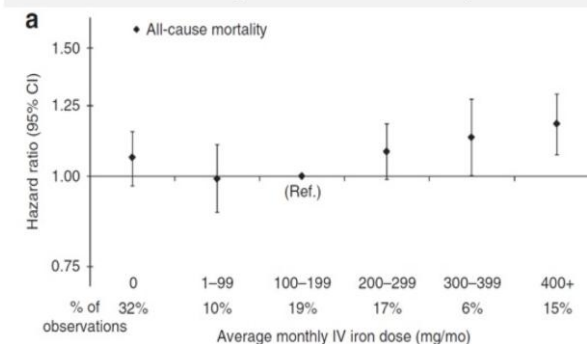
Gilbertson DT et al, *Clin J Am Soc Nephrol.* 2008;3(1):133-8.

Normal Hb (14g/dl) is Associated with Higher Incidence of Stroke in DM HD Patients



Pfeffer MA et al, *N Engl J Med.* 2009;361(21):2019-32.

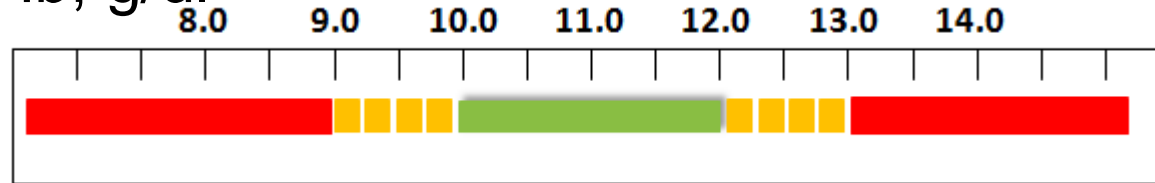
IV Iron Administration >200mg/mo. is Associated with a Higher Risk of Mortality



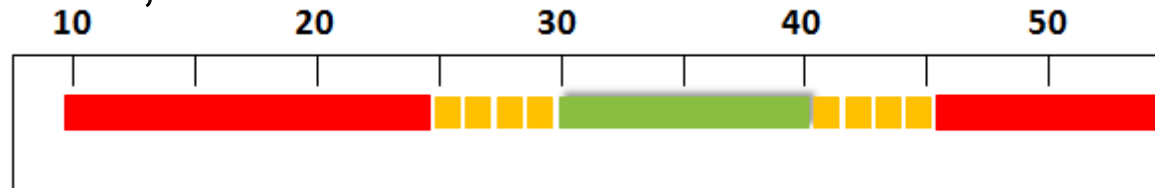
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Optimal Targets in CKD HD Patients

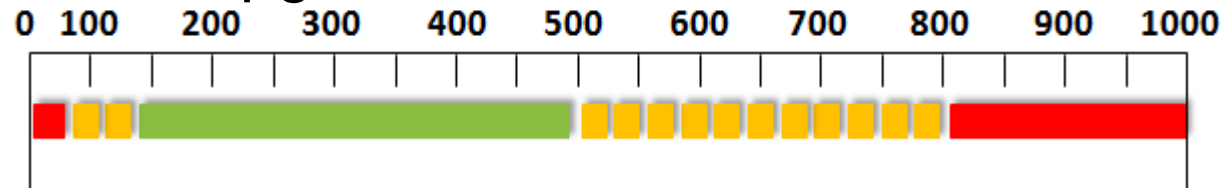
Hb, g/dl



TSAT, %

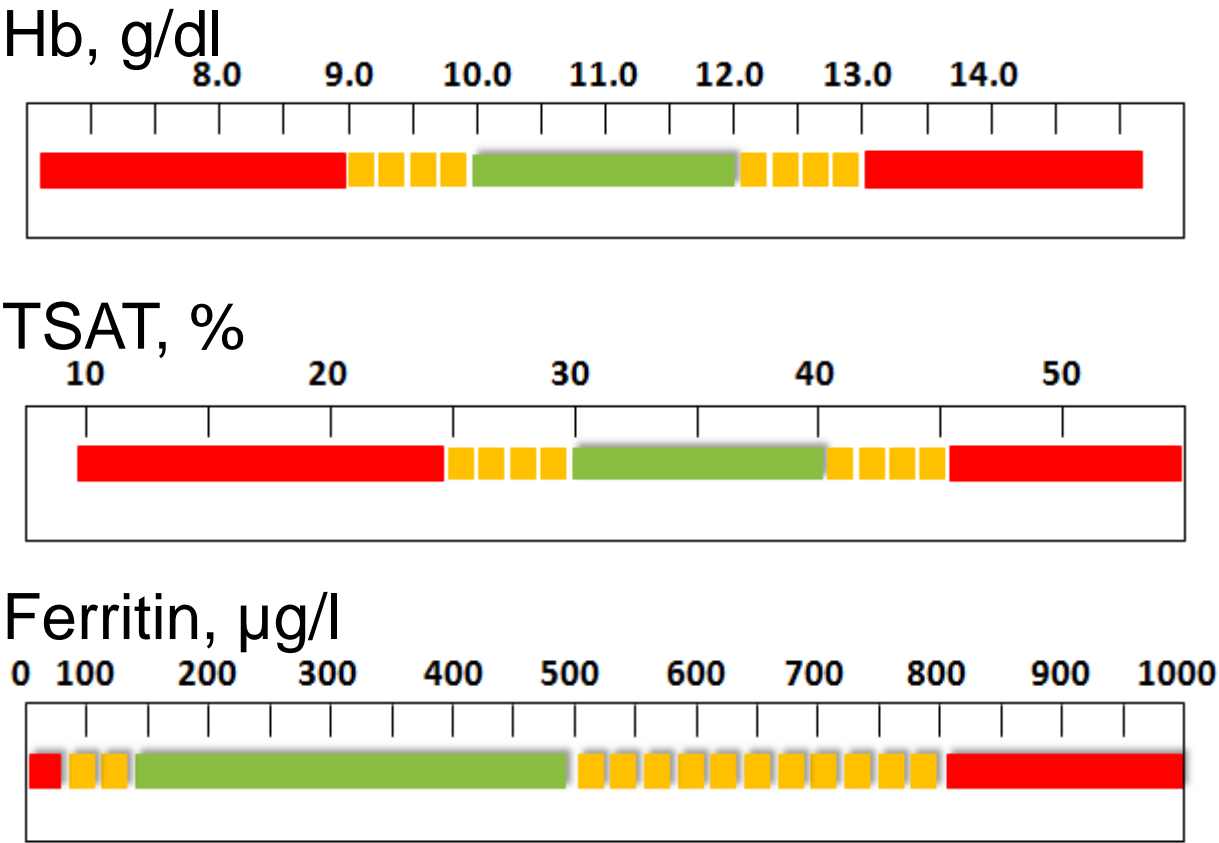


Ferritin, $\mu\text{g/l}$



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Customization is Suitable according to Patient Profile*

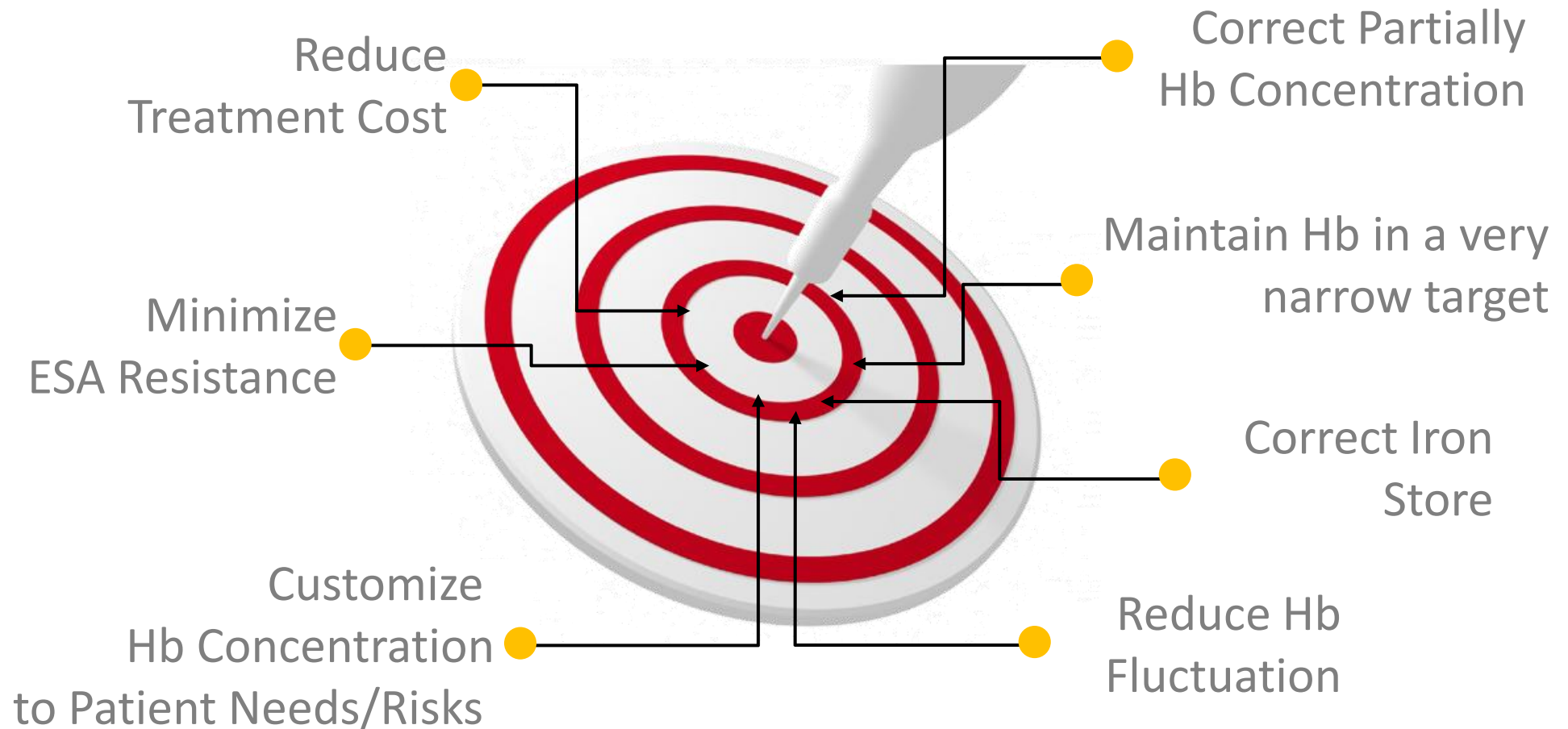


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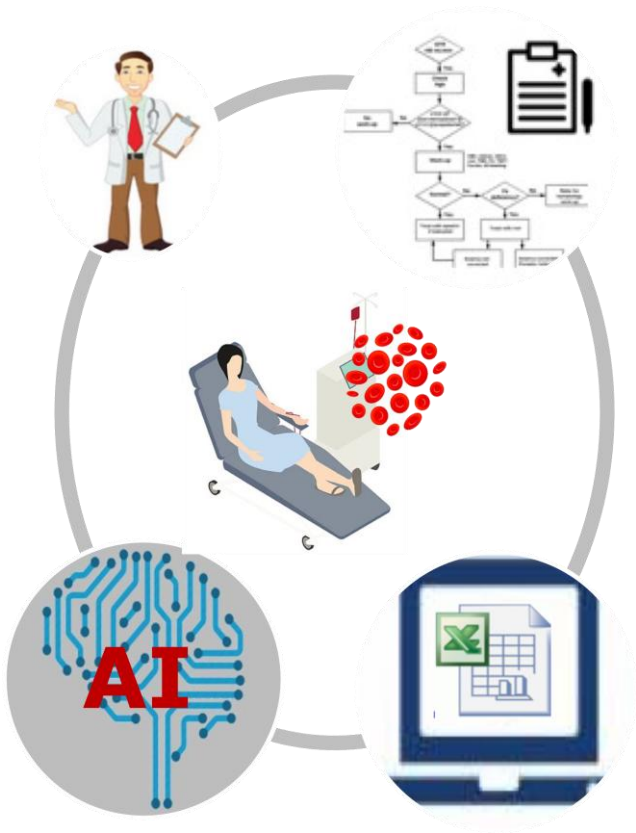


Anemia Correction in HD Patients Has Multiple Targets

Targets of Anemia Correction



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From Pure Clinical Decision to AI Support-Decision

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**Clinician
Decision**

Anemia Treatment Prescription & Management

Anemia Management at Patient and Facility Level

Collection of Data – Storage and Analysis (XLS)

Patient Name	Code	Hb previous month	Hb current month	OH/ECW pre HD	ERI	Darbo Alpha	Alpha, Beta EPOs	Theta Epo	Bio-similars	MPG-E beta	ESA Therapy		Ferritin	Transf. Saturat.	C-Reac. Protein	MCV	MCHC	Iron IV	Iron IV
				%	IU/kg/week x 100 ml	µg/kg/month	IU/kg/month	IU/kg/month	IU/kg/month	µg/kg/month	Total / Month	Frequency		%	mg/L	fL	g/L	mg/month	µg/kg/month
				≤ 15	≤ 15	≤ 1,75	≤ 350	≤ 350	≤ 350	≤ 1,75			≥ 200 ≤ 800	≥ 20 ≤ 50	≤ 20	≥ 90 ≤ 105	≥ 32 ≤ 36		
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	0100610227	13,2	13,7	10,7	2,9					0,7	MPGE: 50	13;	306	48	3,6	101	36	100	1,39
	0100610239	12	10,9	-2,9	6,9					1,32	MPGE: 100	21; 28;	486	30	77,4	70	31	100	1,32
	0100710042	12,4	12,7	15,8	3,5					0,78	MPGE: 50	27;	325	42	2,8	93	34		
	0100710082	9,4	9,4	11,8	6,8	1,27					Darbo: 80	Monday;	761	64	18,2	101	36		
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Folic Acid	Vitamin B12	Carnitine	Age	Female	Dry Body Weight	Time On Dialysis	Effective weekly treatment time	Blood Volume Processed	Effective Infusion Volume Total	OCM Kt/V	V.A.	Alb.	Mean Arterial BP Pre	Cardio-circulatory therapy ("ACEi/ARB)	iPTH	iPTH Correct.	aaCCI score	Probability mortality 1 year	Diabetes	Tumors	White cells	Platelets
n	n	n	Year		Kg	month	min	L/week	L/week		n	g/dl	mmHg	n	pg/mL	pg/mL		%	n	n	no./mm ³	no./mm ³ /1000
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X			86		76,0	24	735	329	68	1,82	AVF	3,8	87		193	193	11	25	X	X	8400	191
			73		64,0	64	813	291	77	1,94	TC	3,6	79	2	653	659	9	25			4000	96
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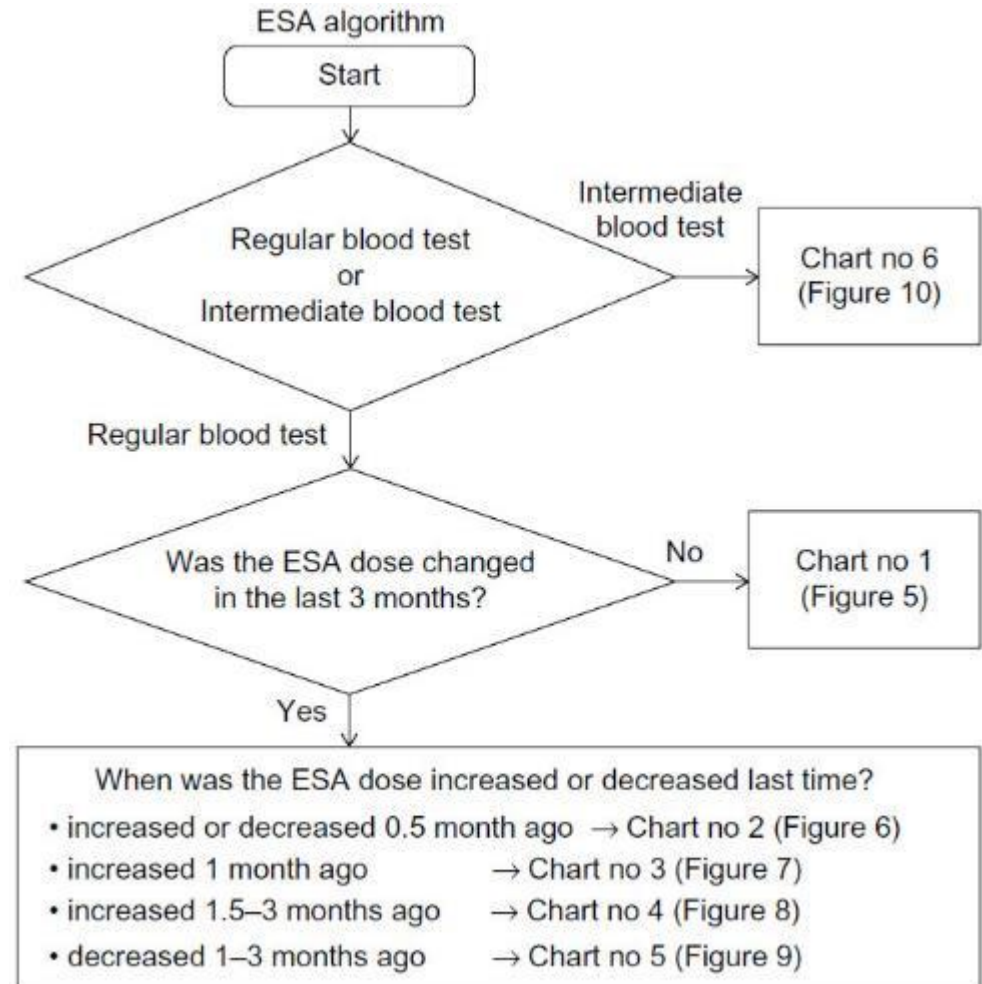
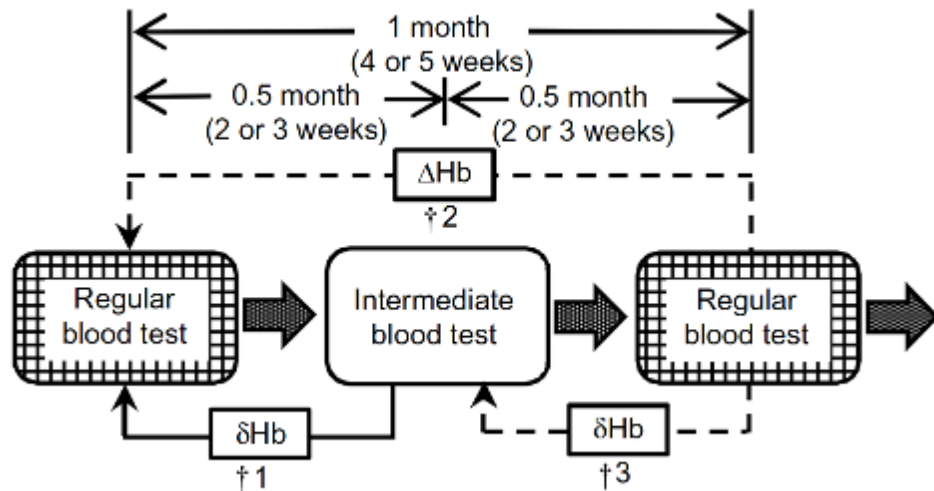


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Algorithm**

Anemia Treatment Prescription & Management

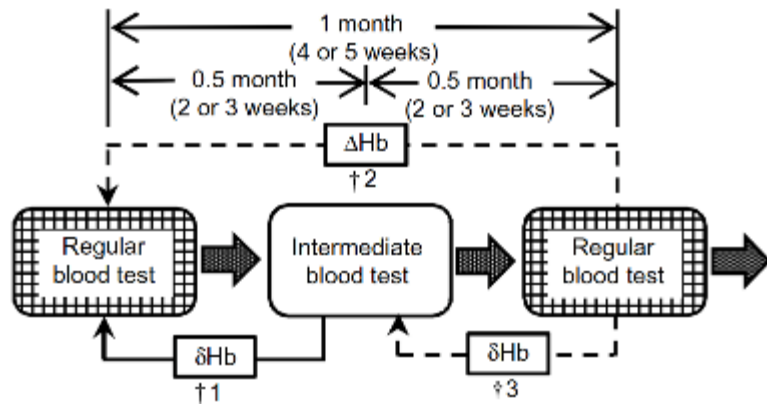
Creation of an Anemia Management Algorithm

ESA Administration

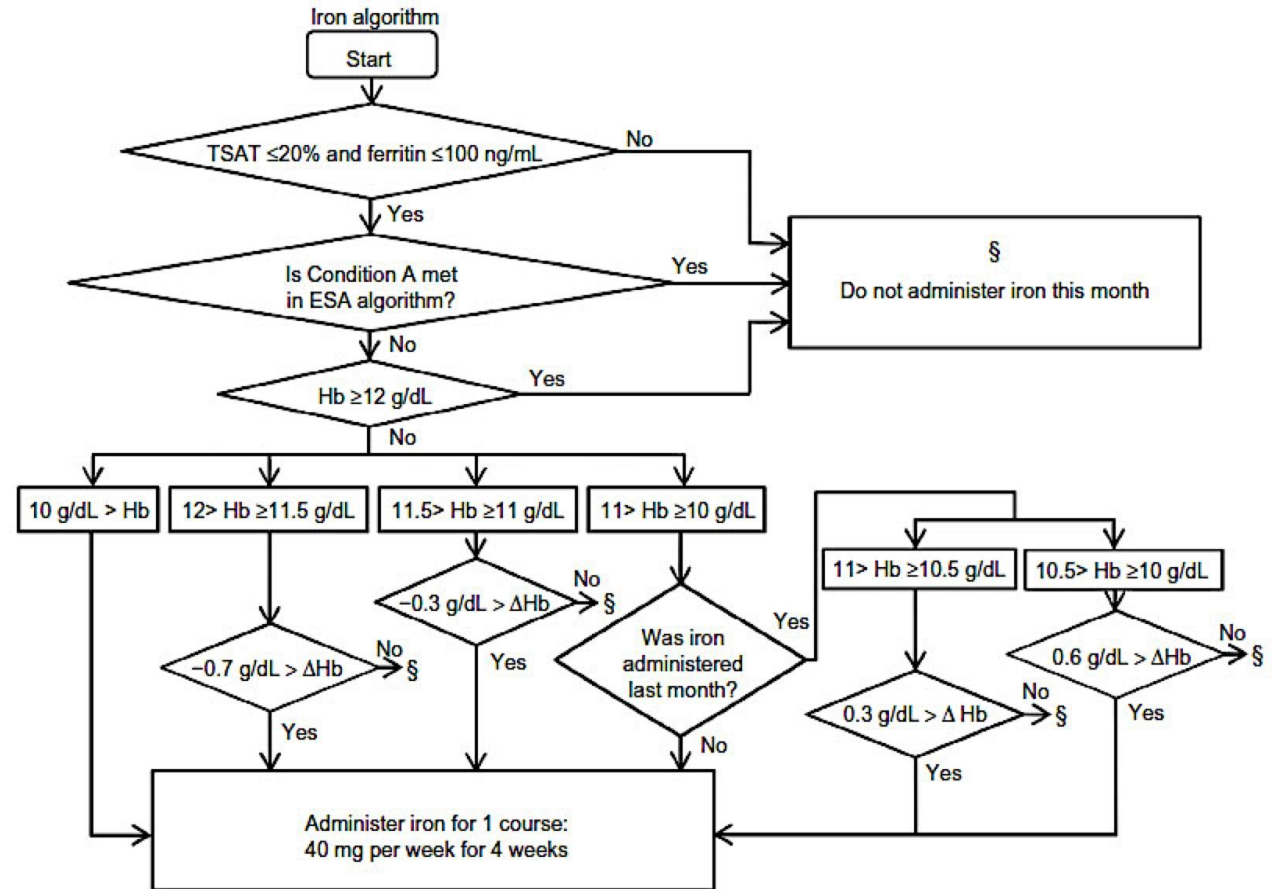


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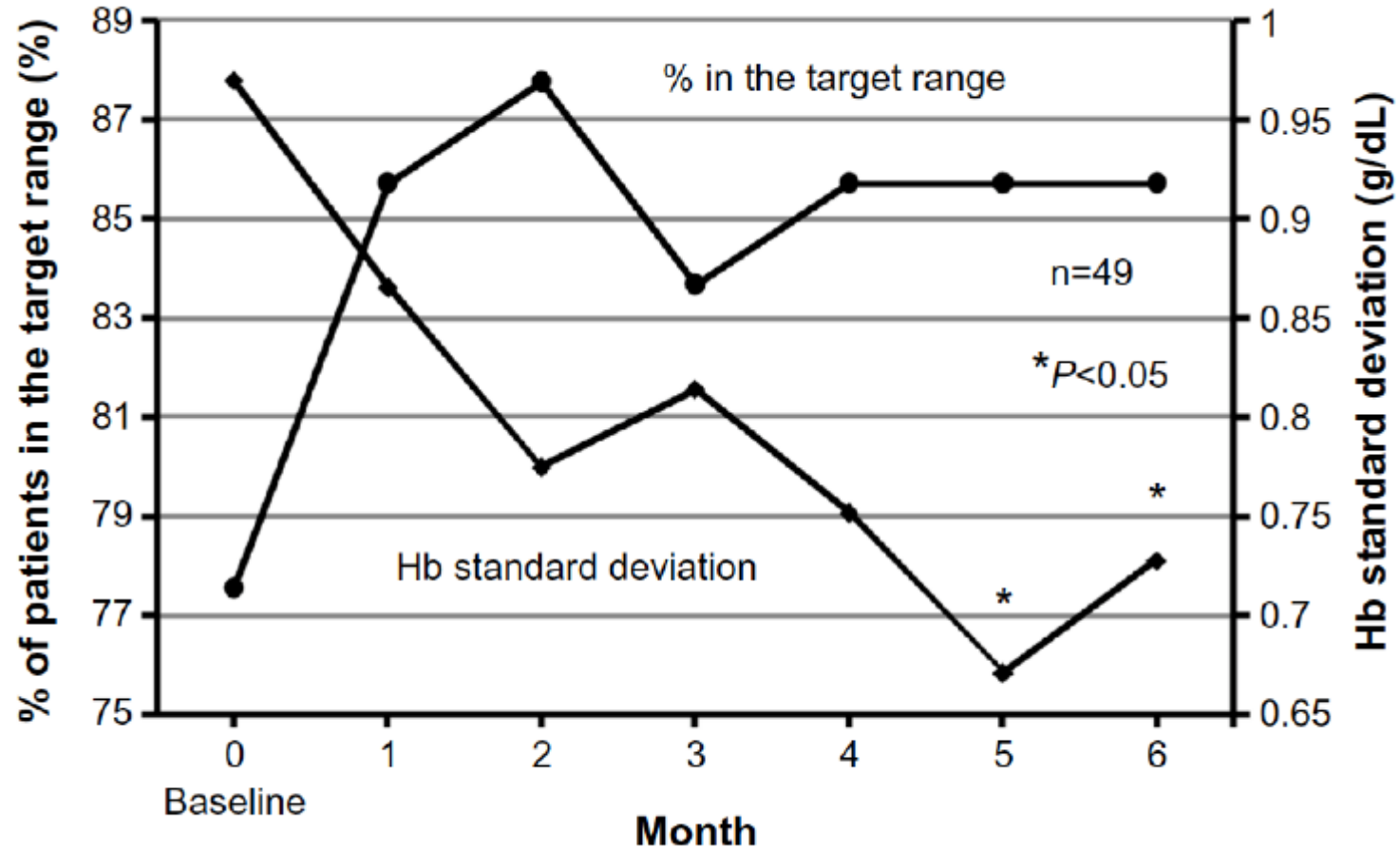
Iron Supplementation



+ Iron parameters:
Ferritin/TSAT



Anemia Algorithm Increases Patients in Target and Reduces Hb Fluctuation



Prospective Study
Algorithm implementation
49 patients - 6 months

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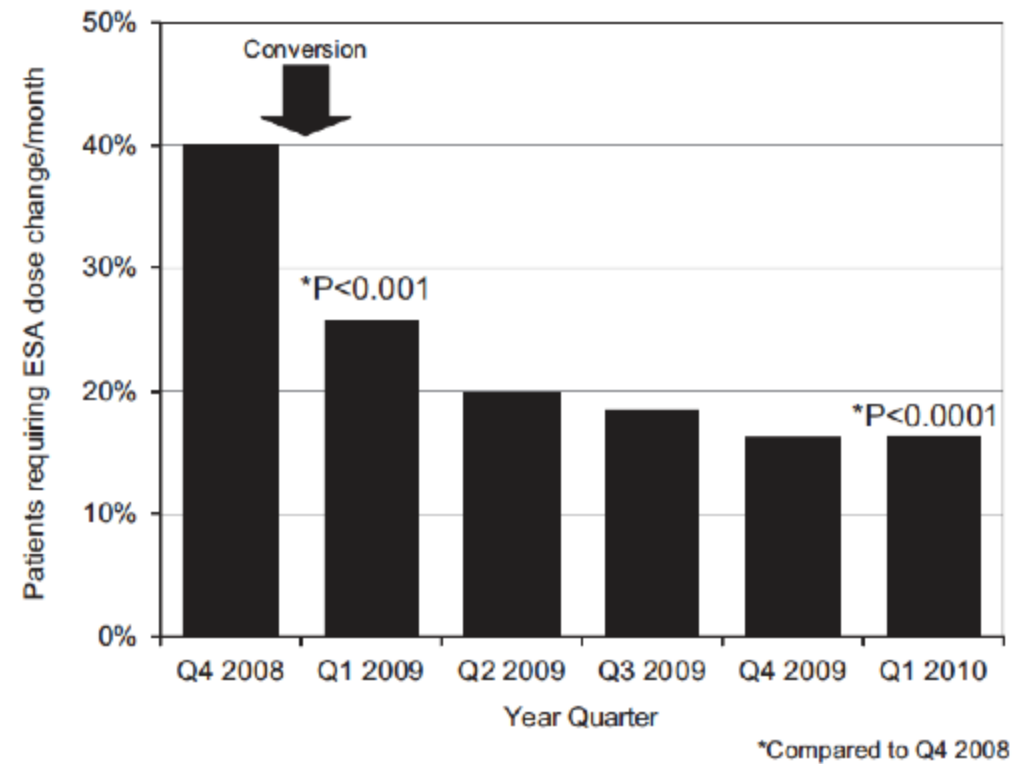
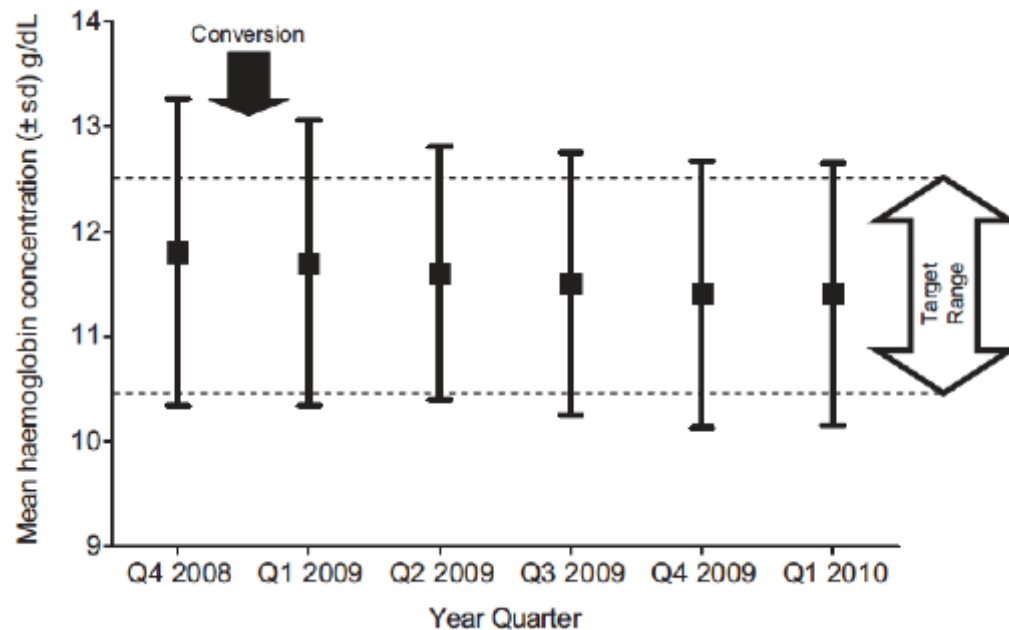


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Algorithm for Computed-Supported Anemia Management in HD Patients

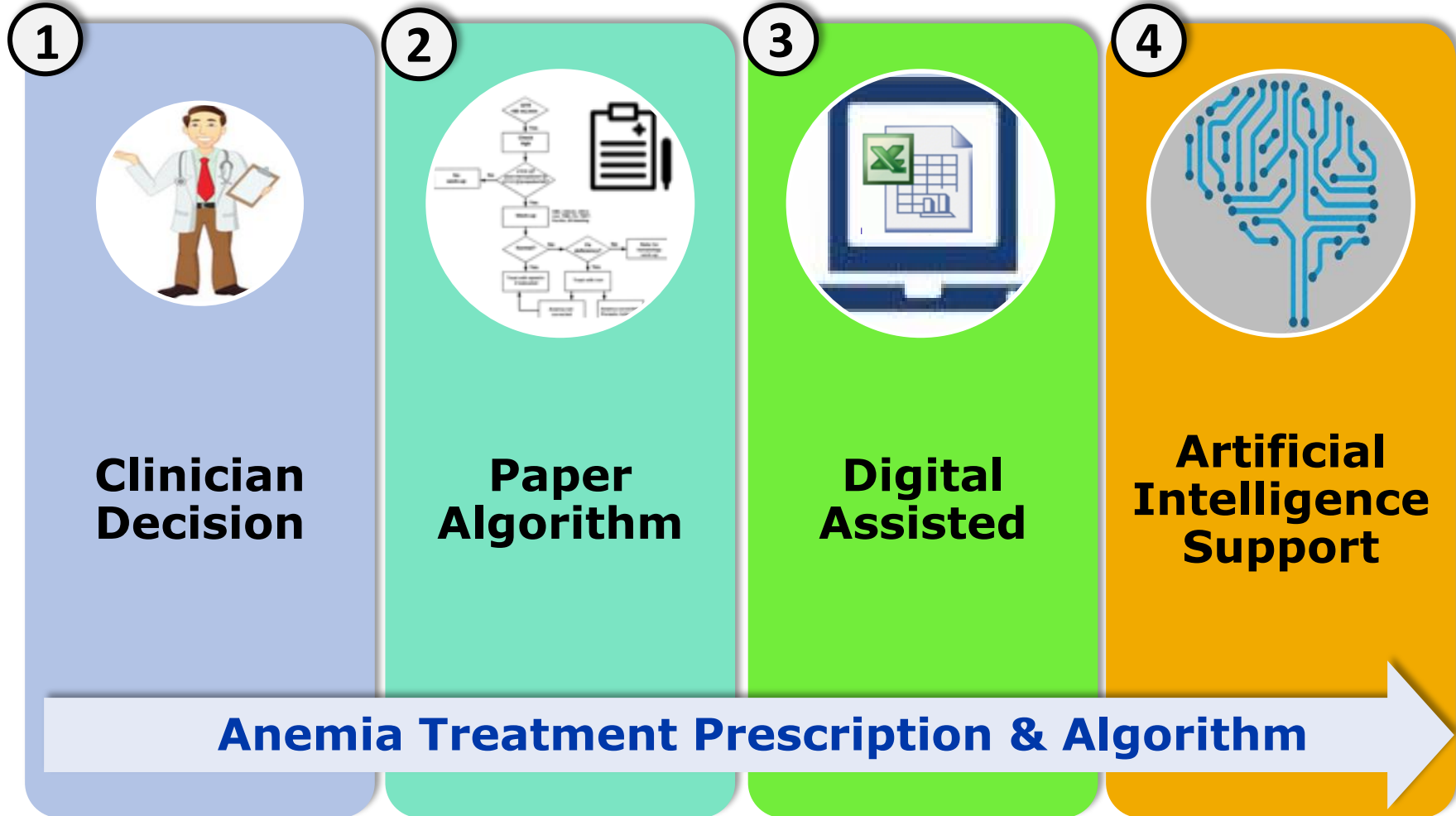
Better Results For Less Work



Predictive algorithm anemia management
214 Prevalent HD Patients UK

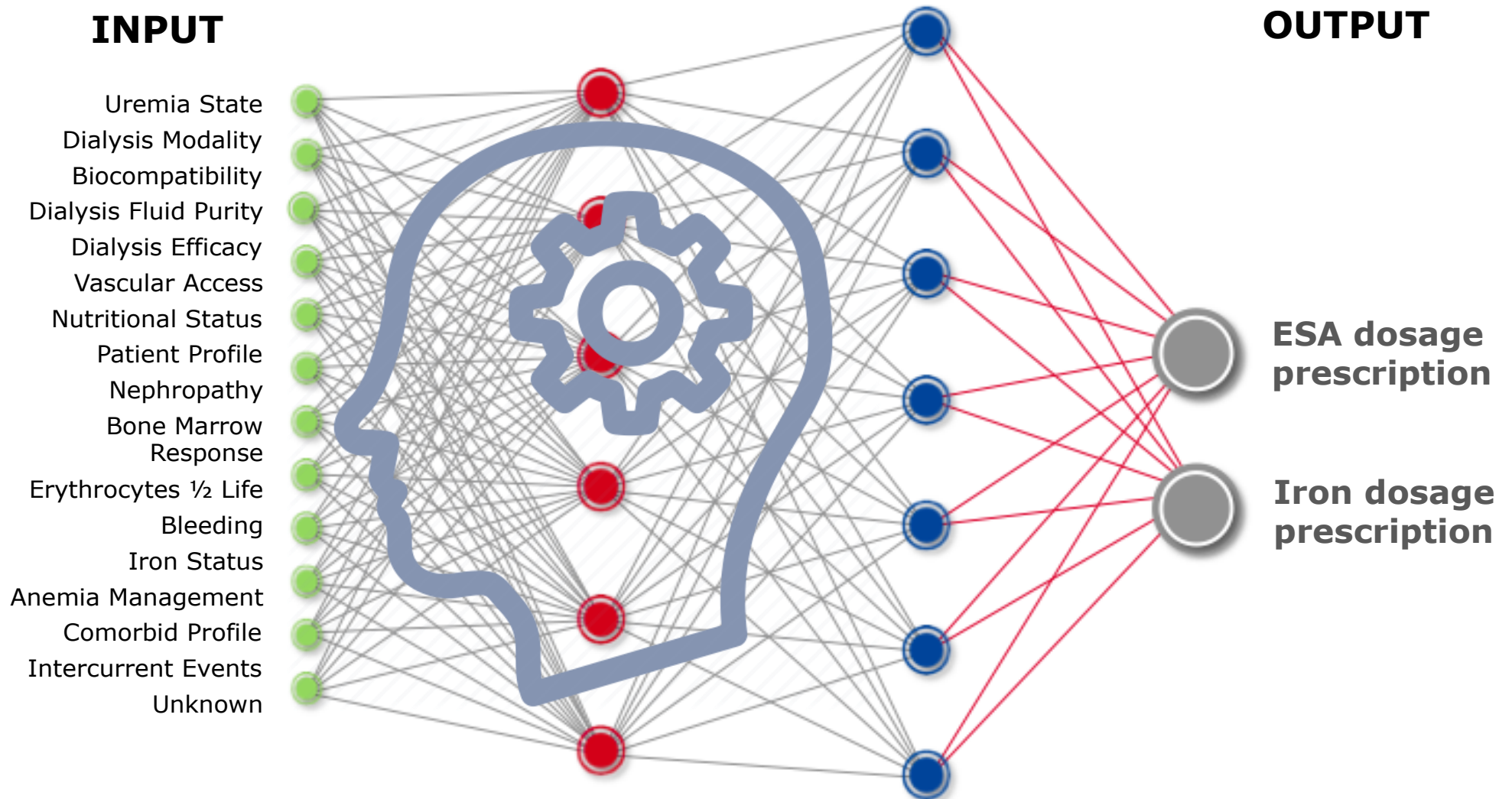
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Anemia Management

Conventional Way Based on Human Intelligence

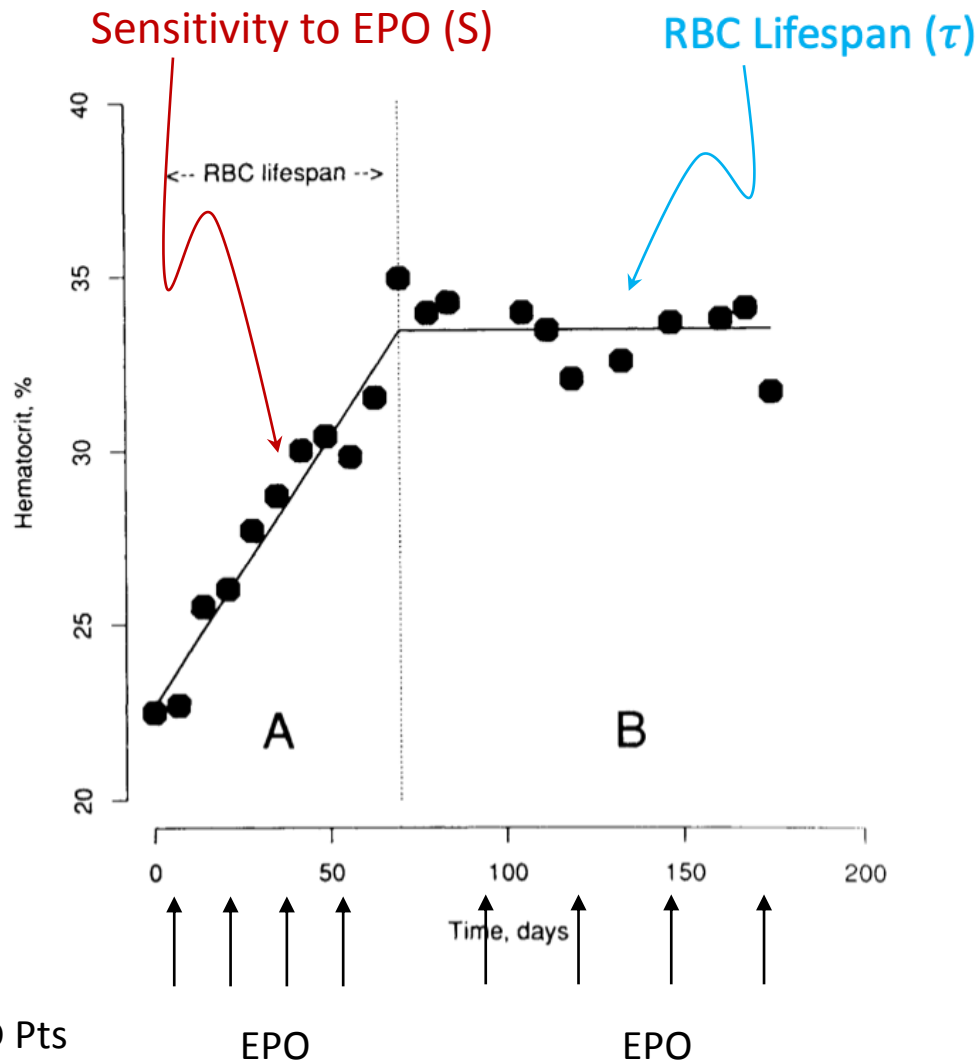


Math Should not be a Burden for Clinicians....

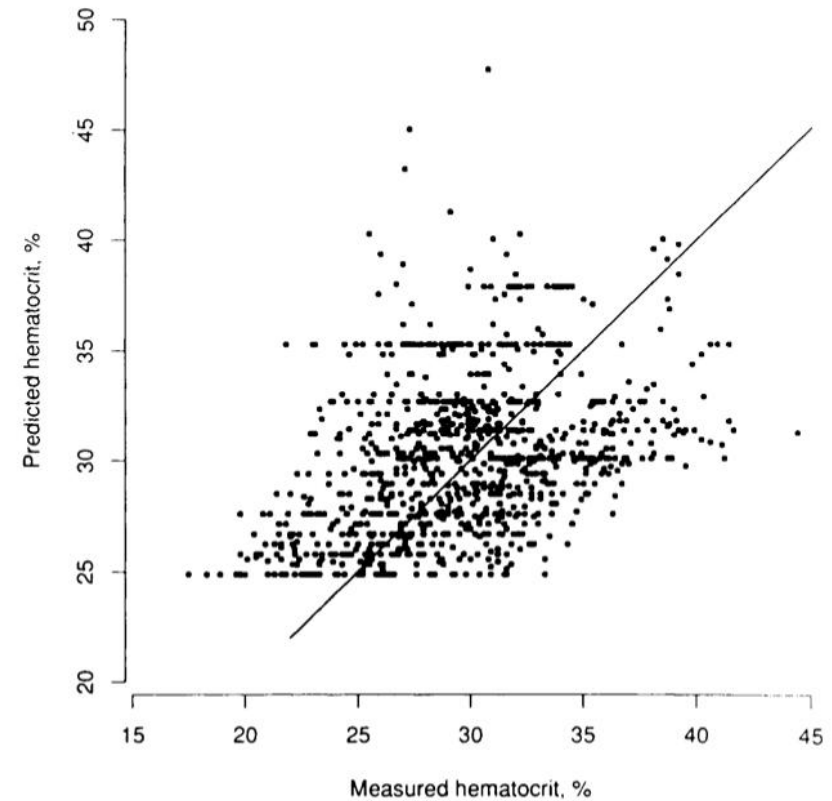
“The essence of math is not to make simple things complicated, but to make complicated things simple.”

— STAN GUDDER

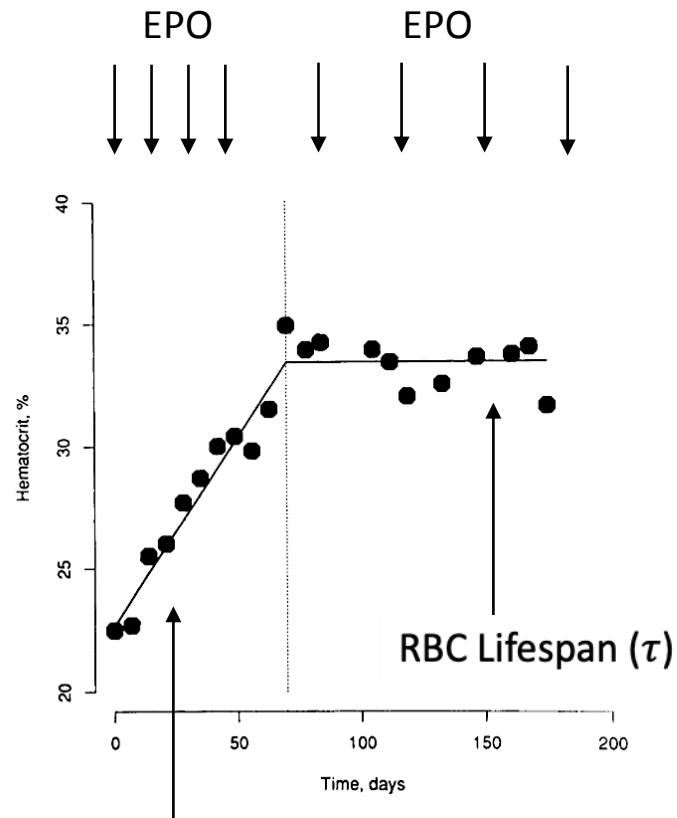
Pharmacodynamic Model of EPO Therapy in HD Patients



S = pseudo-linear dose response (ERI)
 τ 64 ± 18 d

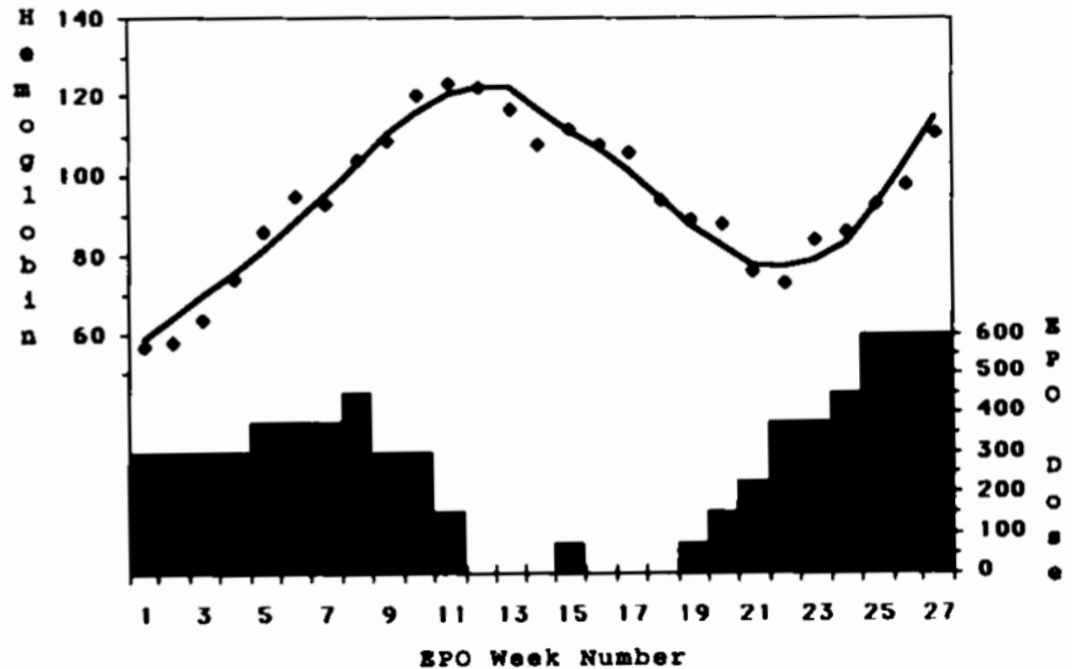


Mathematical Modeling of EPO Therapy



S, slope dose response ESA/Hb (ERI)
IU/Kg/Wk

67 HD Pts
Canadian EPO Study



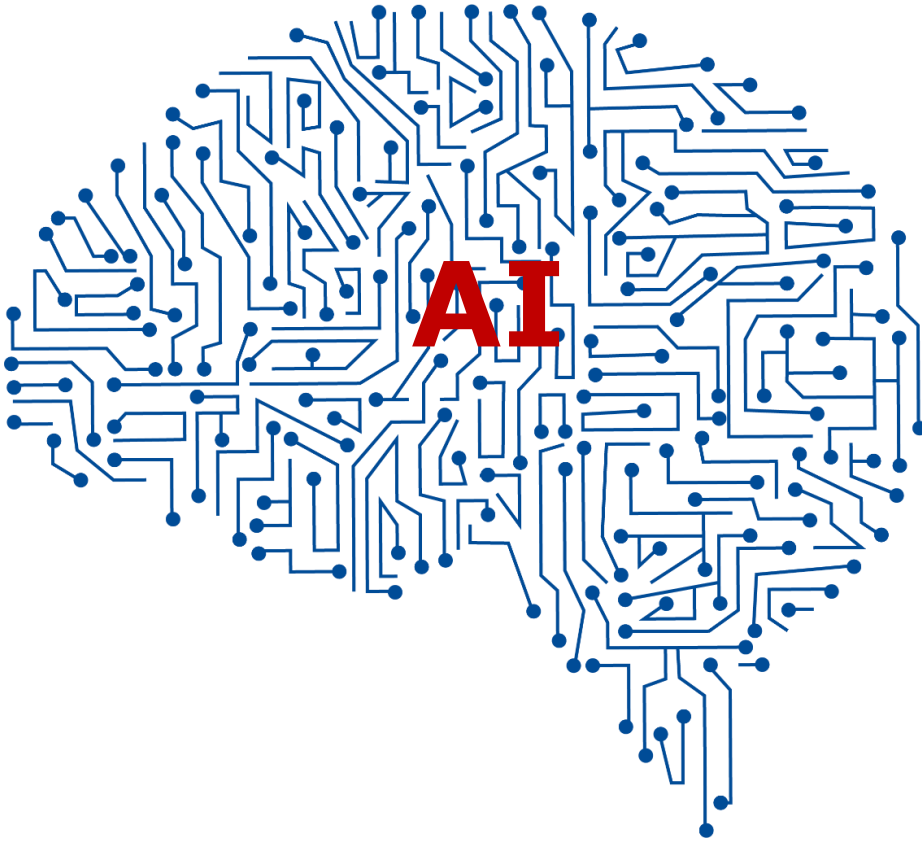
$$S = 0.015 \pm 0.06 \text{ IU/Kg/wk}$$

$$\tau = 14 \pm 4.1 \text{ d}$$

Garred LJ et al, ASAIO Trans. 1991;37(3):M457-9.

Artificial Intelligence is Everywhere

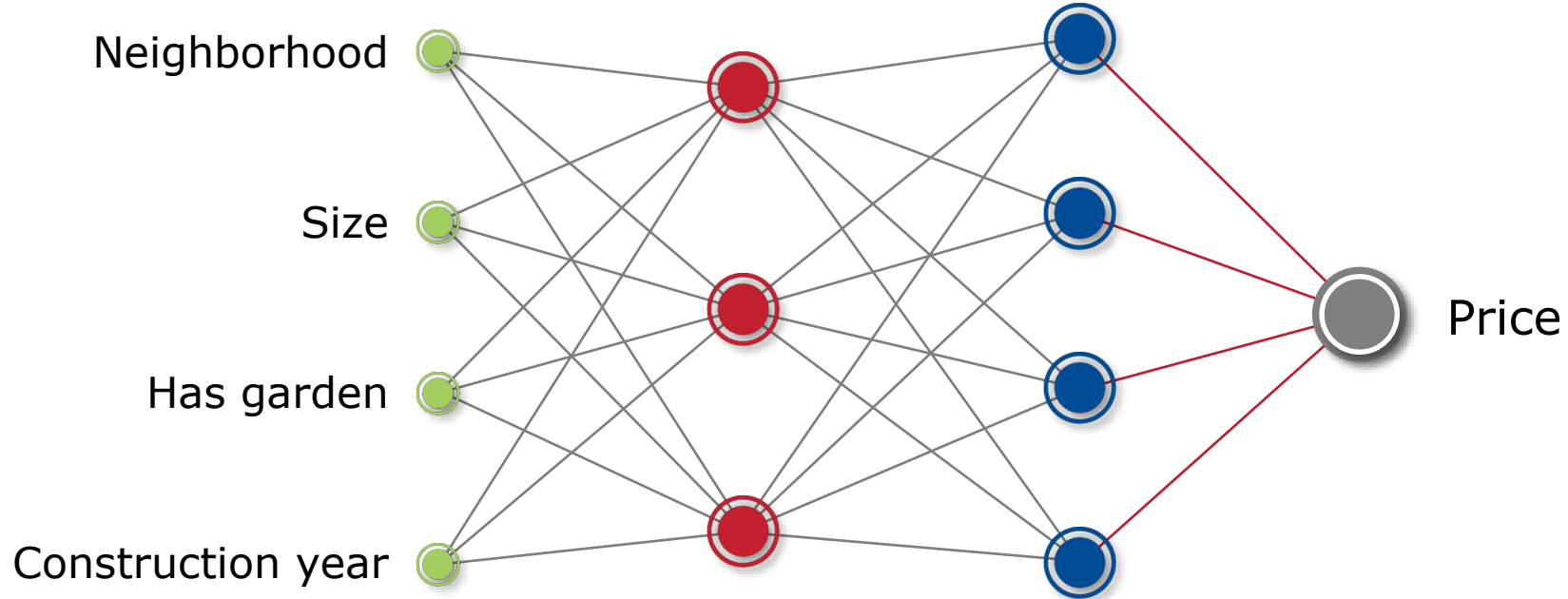
Invades our Daily Life



- ✓ GPS
- ✓ Search engines
e.g., Google search
- ✓ Image recognition
- ✓ Amazon selling process
- ✓ Games
e.g., PS4
- ✓ Watson, IBM
- ✓ Robotic surgery
e.g., «da Vinci»
- ✓ ...

Artificial Neural Networks

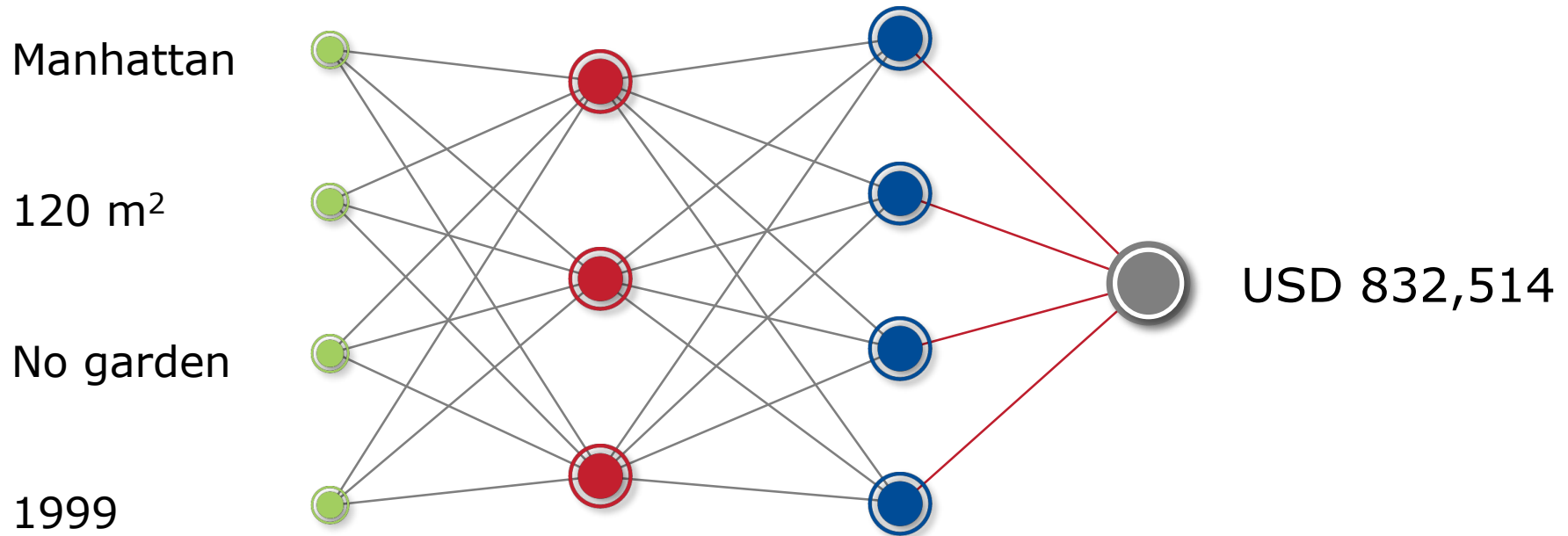
A Practical Example: Buying a House (Real Estate)



The **more pairs** of input-output data you collect,
the **more accurate** the outcome will be

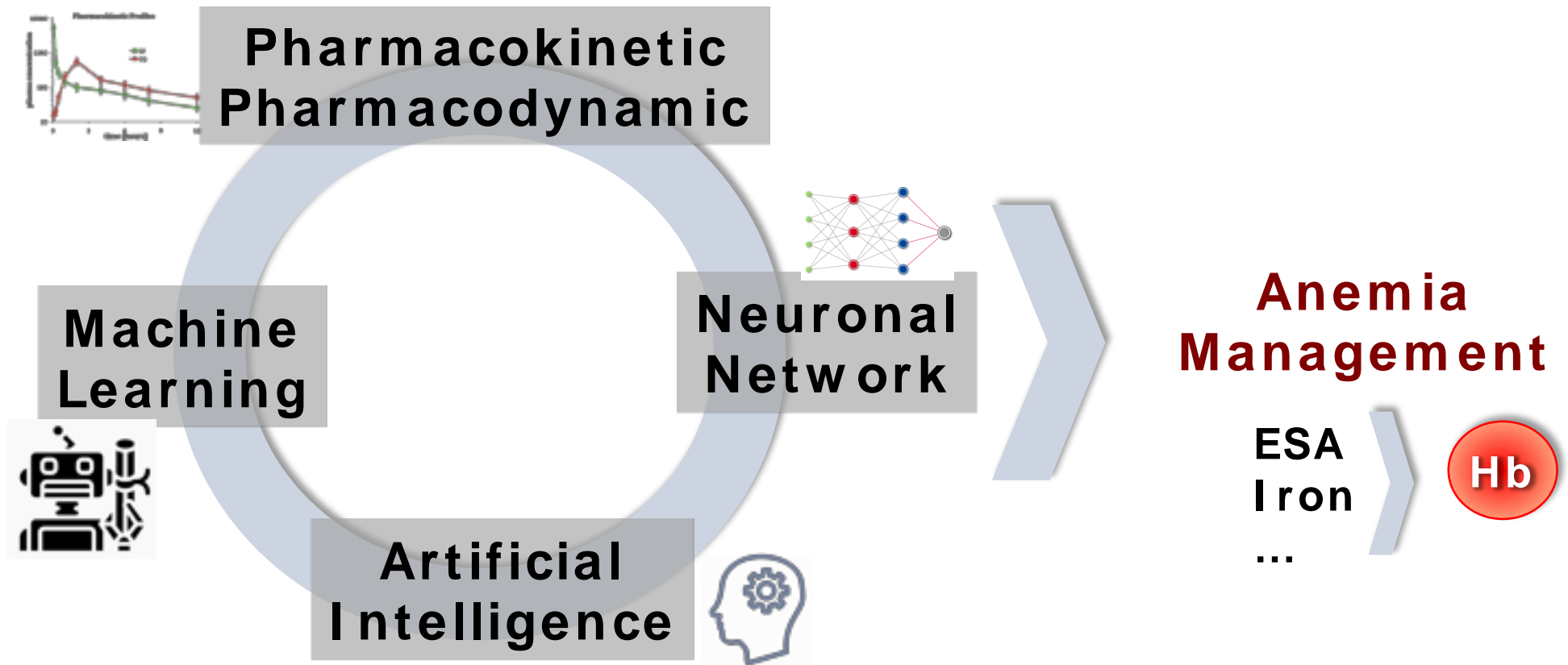
Artificial Neural Networks

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Once you have **a trained model**, you can use it for prediction.
That is, **on fresh new data**!

Artificial Intelligence Applied to Anemia Management in HD Patients



Artificial Intelligence as Support of Clinical Decision Making in Anemia Management

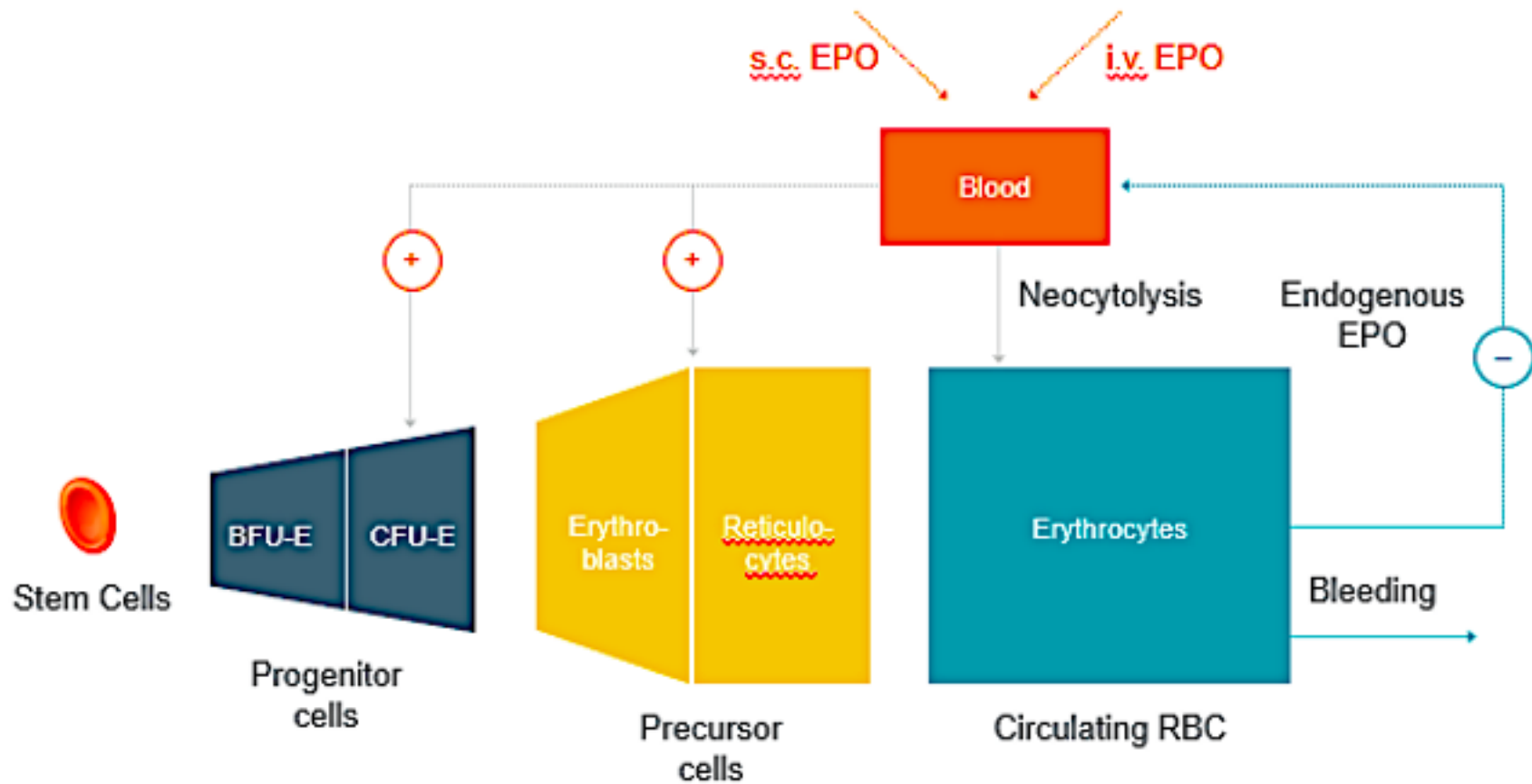
Mathematical Modeling

- Knowledge of physiologic process
- Knowledge of pharmacokinetic/dynamic characteristics
 - ESA sensitivity
 - Erythrocytes life span
 - Reticulocytosis
 - Neocytolysis
 - Iron availability
 - Other parameters
- Formulate mathematical model
- Validate model (internal/external)
 - Bigdata – Advanced analytic
 - Create avatar or twin-patient
- Clinical trial /superiority
 - RCT versus traditional care

Machine Learning

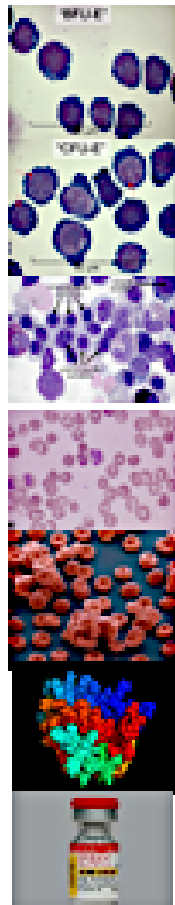
- No specific knowledge
 - Bigdata input
 - Machine learning
 - Advanced analytics
 - Training large dataset
- Validate model
 - Internal/external
 - Agreement predicted/observed
 - Retrieve pharmacokinetic
- Clinical trial/superiority
 - Prospective study

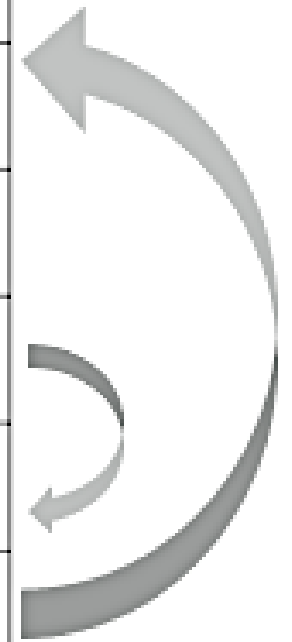
A Model of Erythropoiesis in Adults with Sufficient Iron Availability



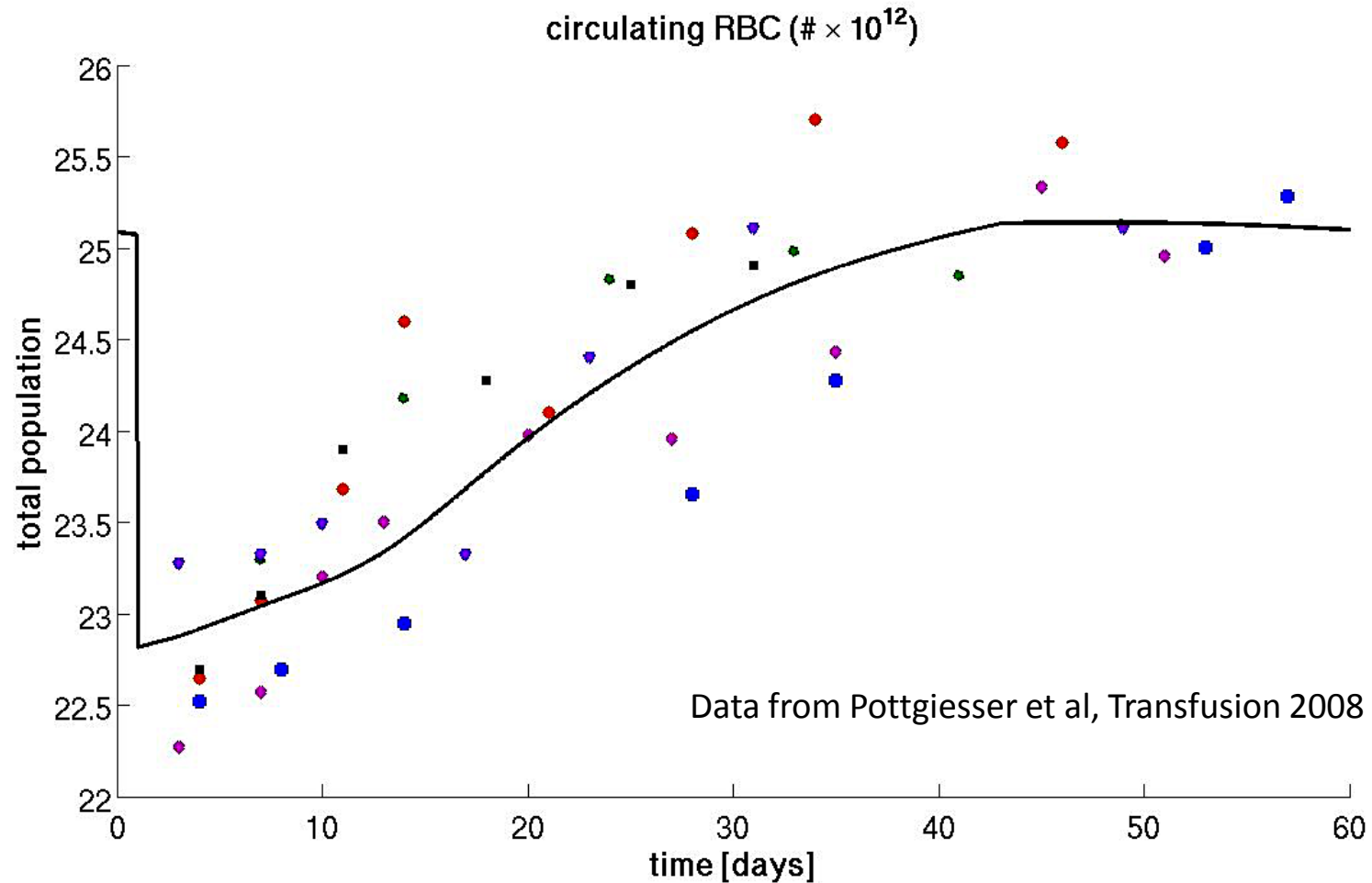
Formulate the Mathematical Model

Cell proliferation, maturation velocity and apoptosis of erythroid cells are influenced by erythropoietin (EPO)

	BFU-E	$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} p(t, x^p) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x^p} p(t, x^p) = \beta^p p(t, x^p),$
	CFU-E	$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} q(t, x^q) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x^q} q(t, x^q) = (\beta^q - \alpha^q(E(t))) q(t, x^q),$
	Erythoblasts	$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} r(t, x^r) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x^r} r(t, x^r) = \beta^r r(t, x^r),$
	BM Reticulocytes	$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} s(t, x^s) + v^s(E(t)) \frac{\partial}{\partial x^s} s(t, x^s) = -\alpha^s s(t, x^s),$
	Erythrocytes	$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} m(t, x^m) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x^m} m(t, x^m) = -\alpha^m(E(t), x^m) m(t, x^m),$
	endogenous Epo	$\frac{d}{dt} E^{\text{end}}(t) = \frac{1}{TBV} E^{\text{end}}_{\text{in}}(t) - c^{\text{end}}_{\text{deg}} E^{\text{end}}(t),$
	exogenous Epo	$\frac{d}{dt} E^{\text{ex}}(t) = \frac{1}{TBV} E^{\text{ex}}_{\text{in}}(t) - c^{\text{ex}}_{\text{deg}} E^{\text{ex}}(t),$



Model Validation in Blood Donation Subjects

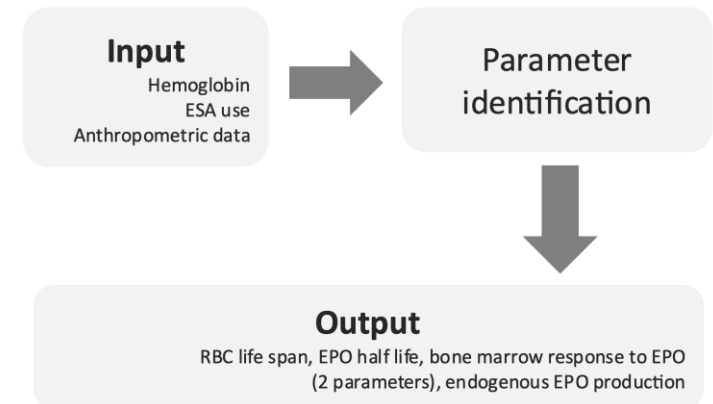


A Numerical Method for Structured Population Equations Modeling Control of Erythropoiesis

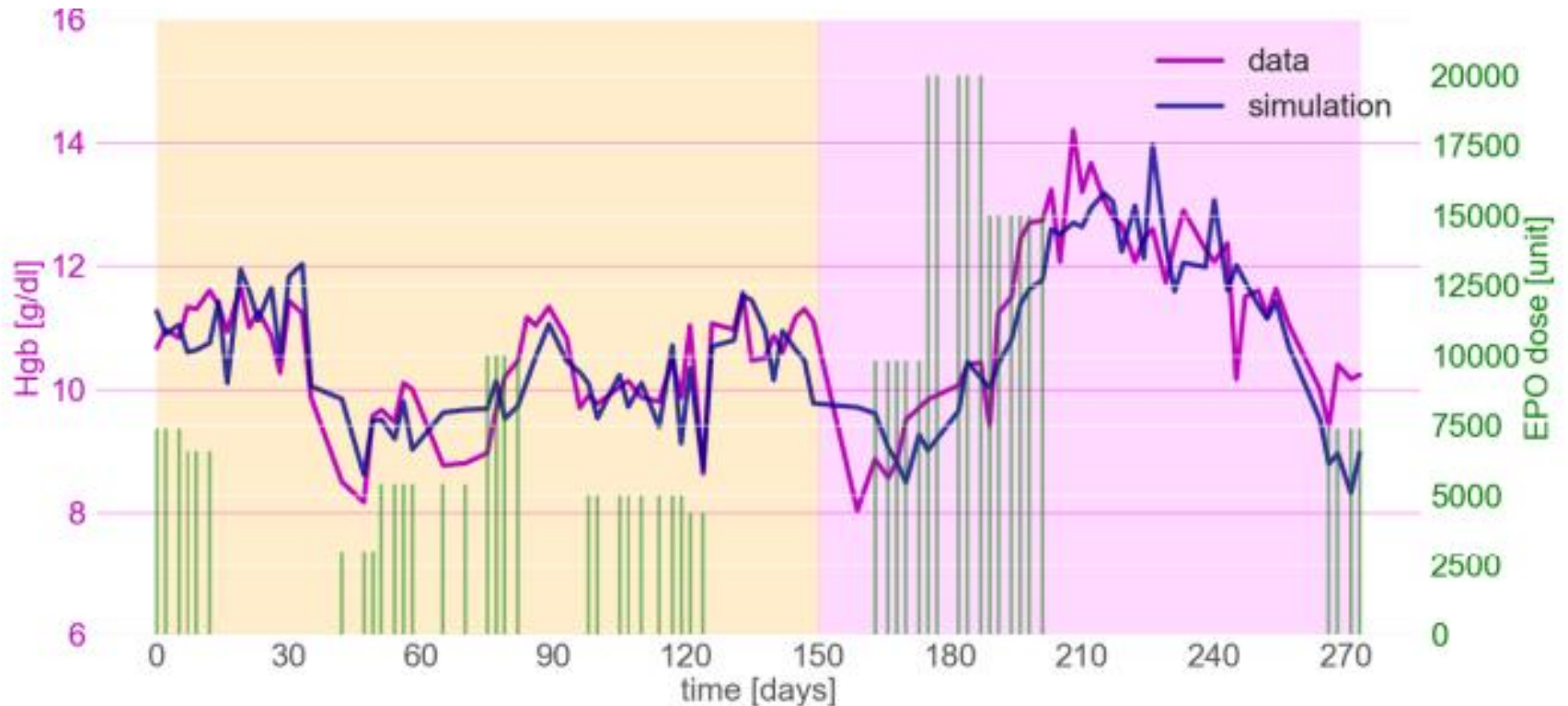
Model Adaptation to Individual Patients using Parameter Estimation: Avatar Generation

- Model includes 30 parameters
- 2 parameters are adjusted using empirical formulas
 - Data: gender, height, weight
- 5 parameters are inferred from data
 - Data: hemoglobin levels, ESA administration; anthropometric data
- Minimize a weighted least square cost functional
- Model was adapted to 60 ESRD patients

$$J(p_1, \dots, p_n) = \sum_{j=1}^N w(t_j) (y(t_j) - \phi(\theta, t_j))^2$$



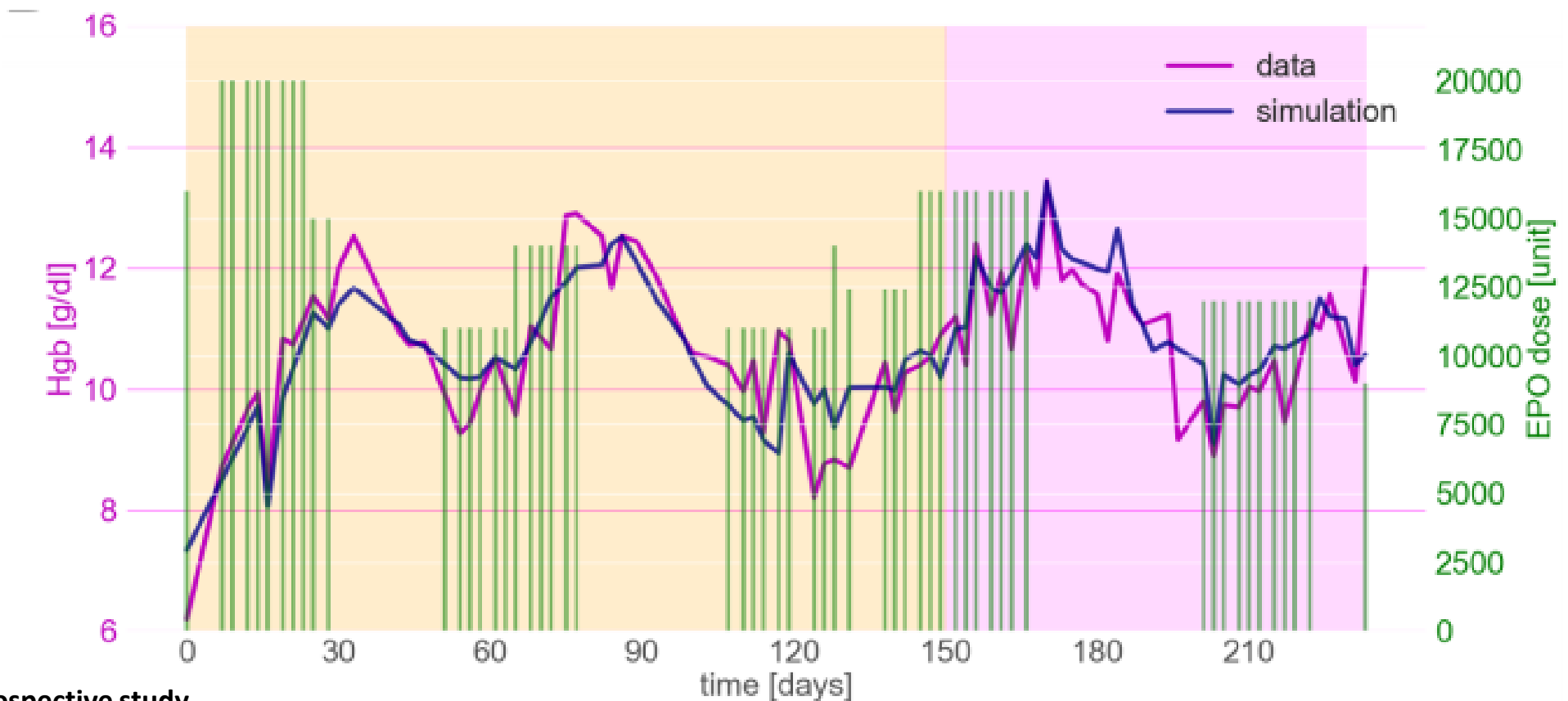
Comparison of Model Simulations (blue) and Empirical Data (magenta) – Selected Patient #1



Prospective study

60 HD pts receiving ESA
Key parameters temporal
Hb data Crit-Line monitor
150d baseline period

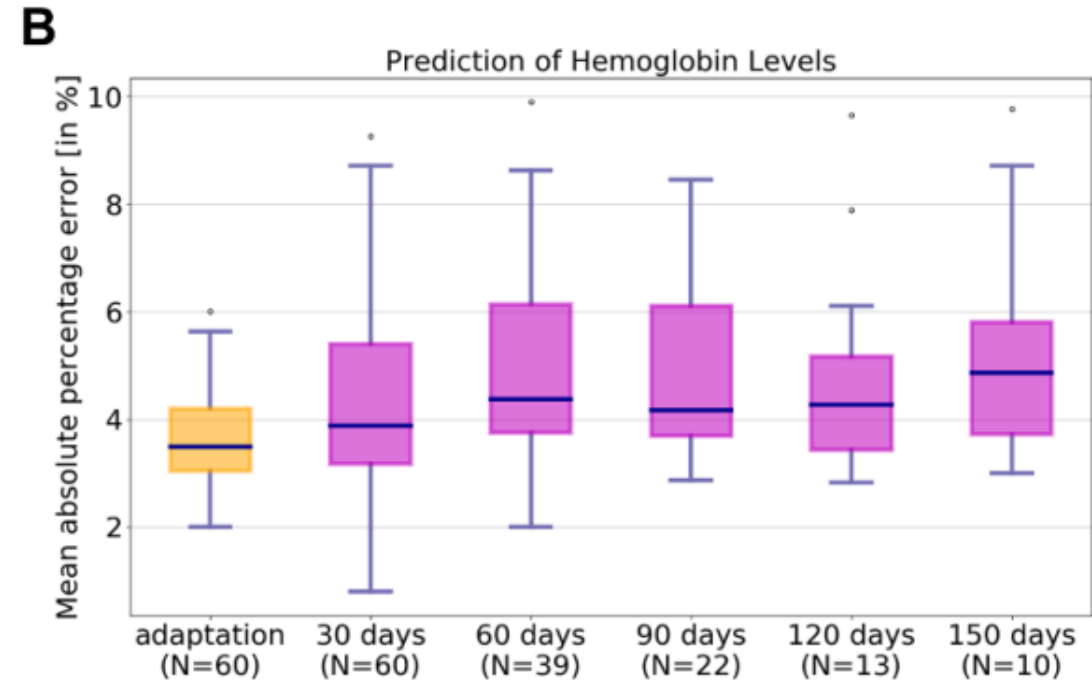
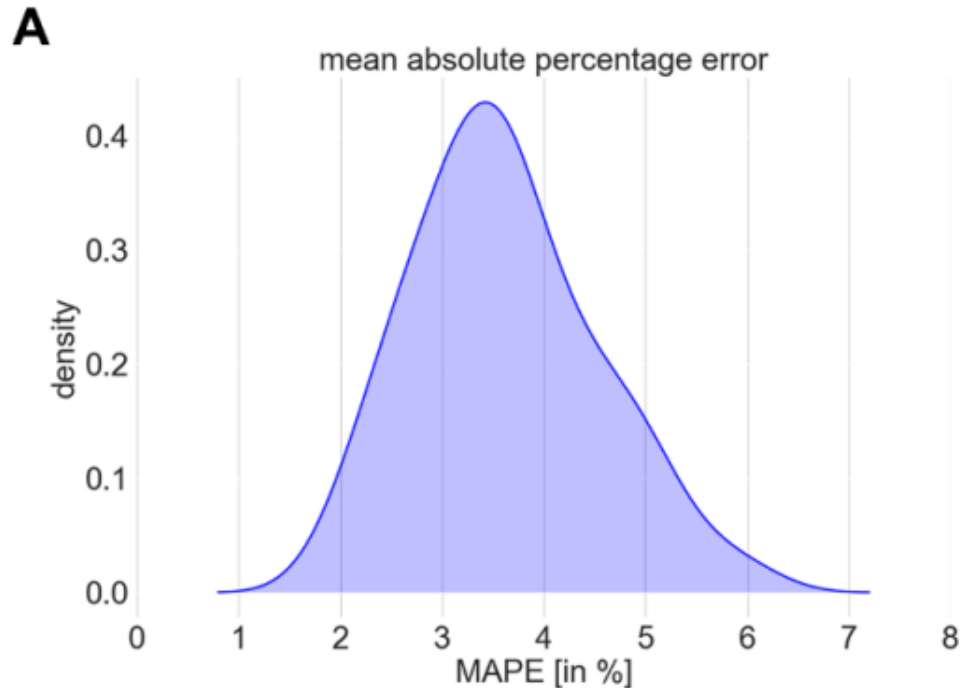
Comparison of Model Simulations (blue) and Empirical Data (magenta) – Selected Patient #2



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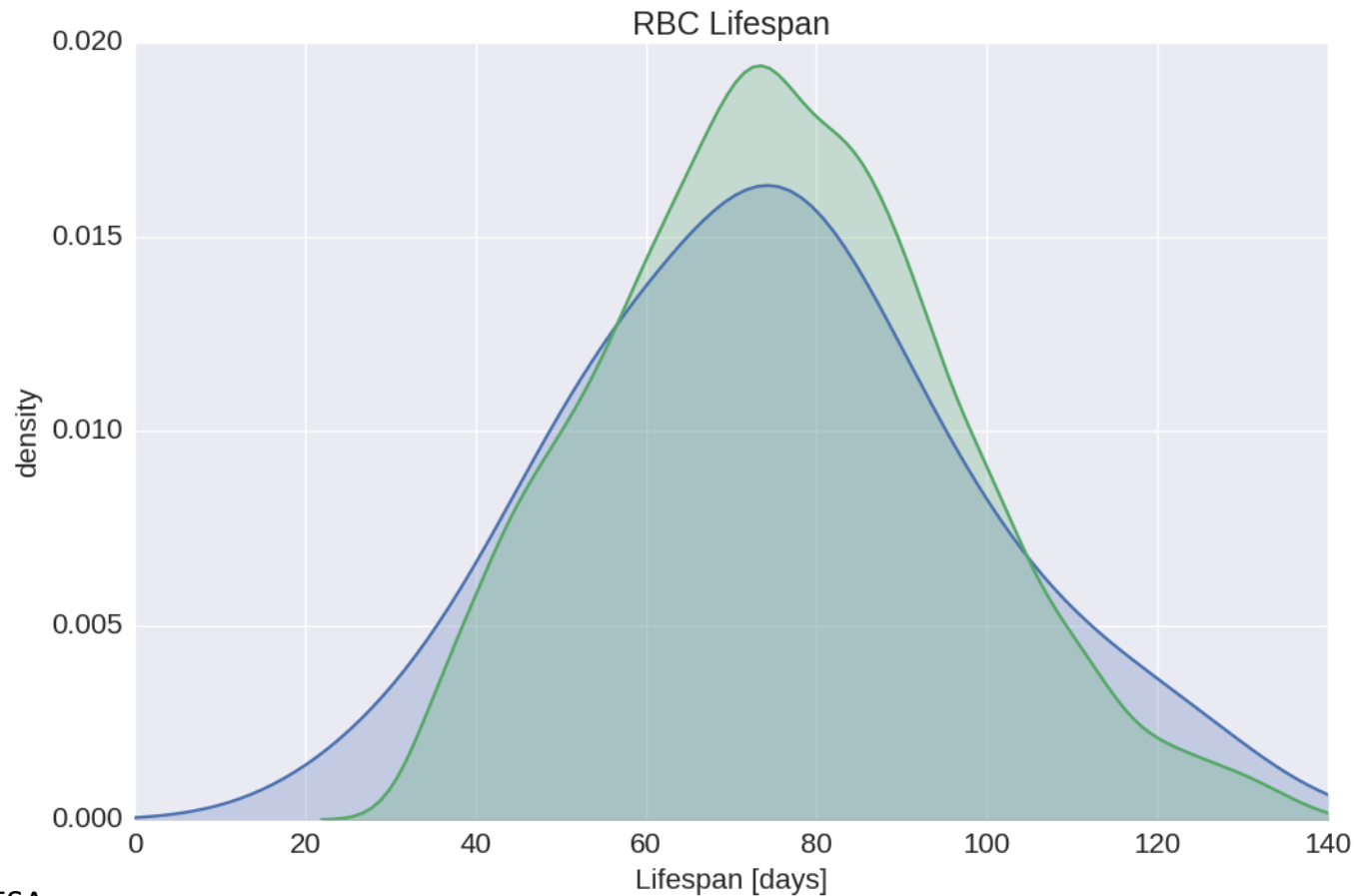
Prediction of Hb Values in Virtual Dialysis Clinic Avatars



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Prediction of RBC Life Span In Virtual Dialysis Clinic Avatars



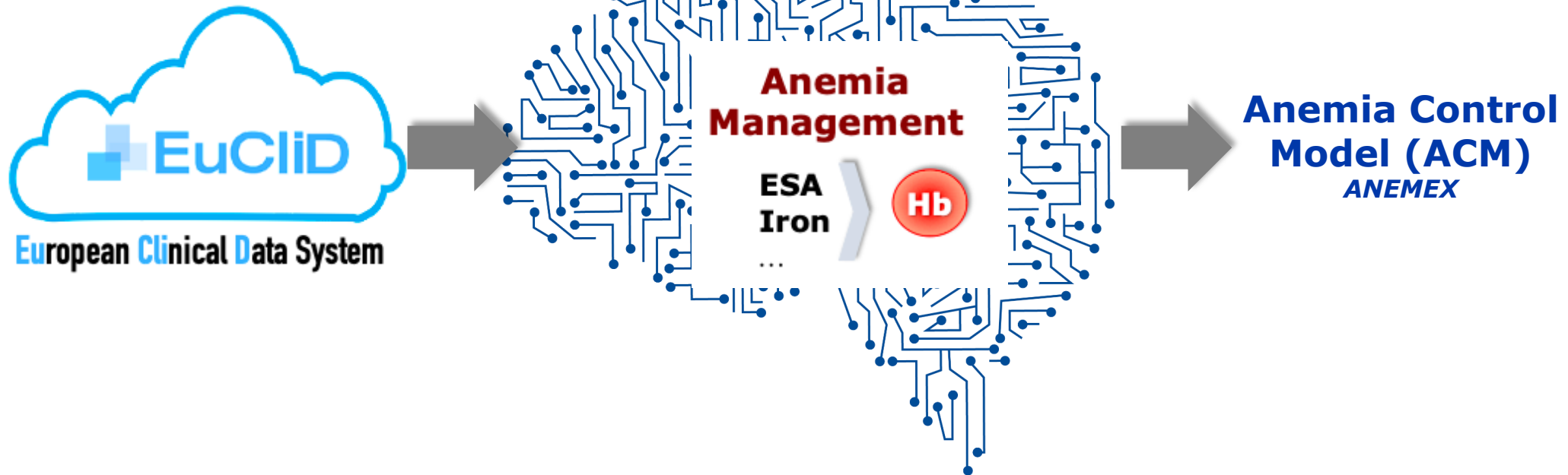
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Artificial Intelligence in HD Patient Management

Anemia Control Model

- >800 FMC clinics
- >30 countries
- >30 000 users
- >100 000 patients

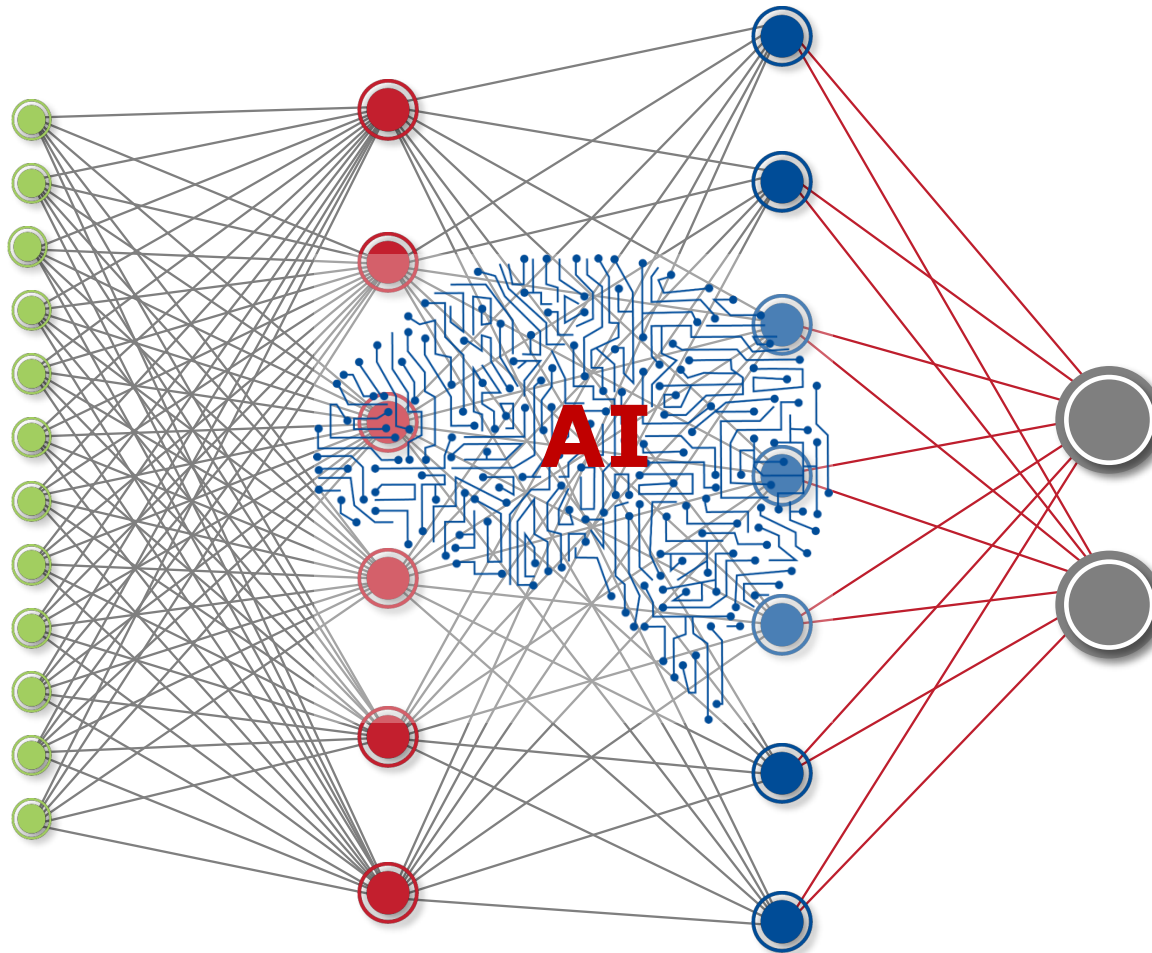


ACM, Euclid Dataset of FMC Clinics

Trained on 950.000 Patients Records

INPUT

ESA administrations
Iron administrations
Gender
Dry body weight
Height
Ferritin
Albumin
C reactive protein
MCV
MCH
Leukocytes
TSAT



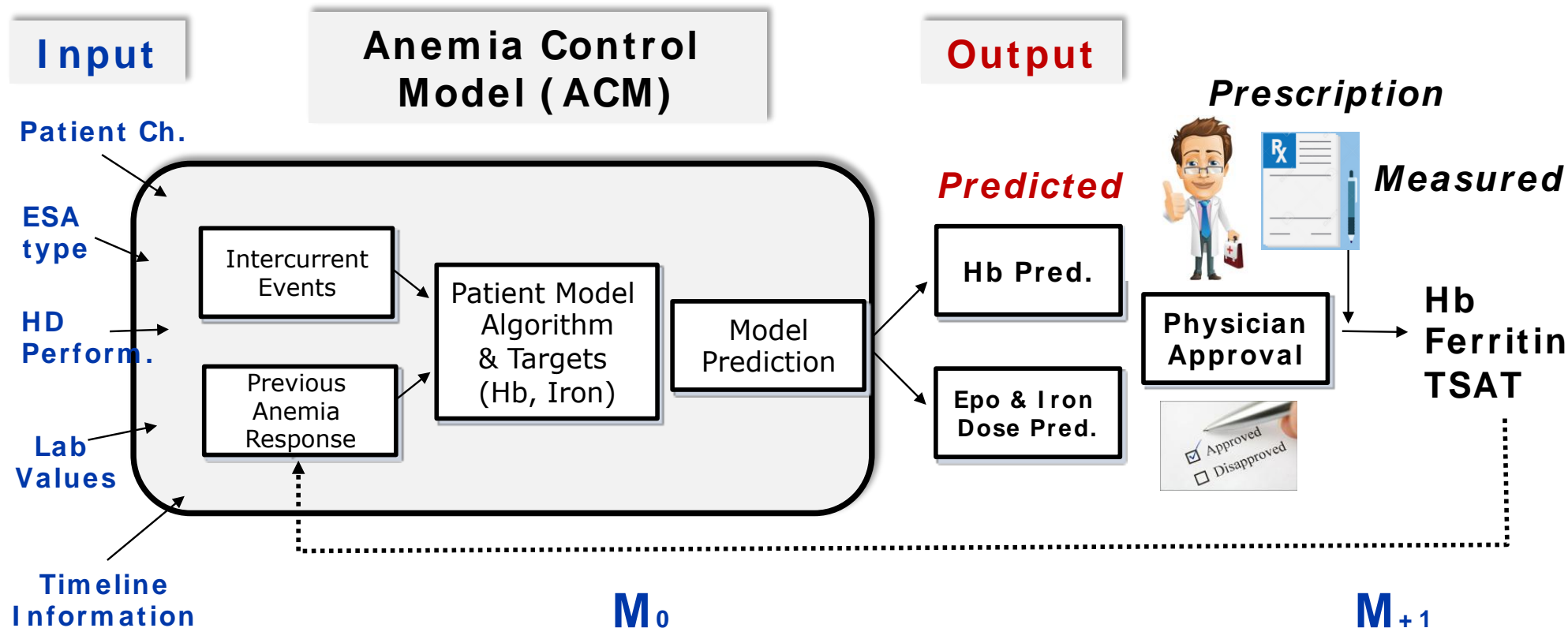
OUTPUT

ESA dosage suggestion

Iron dosage suggestion

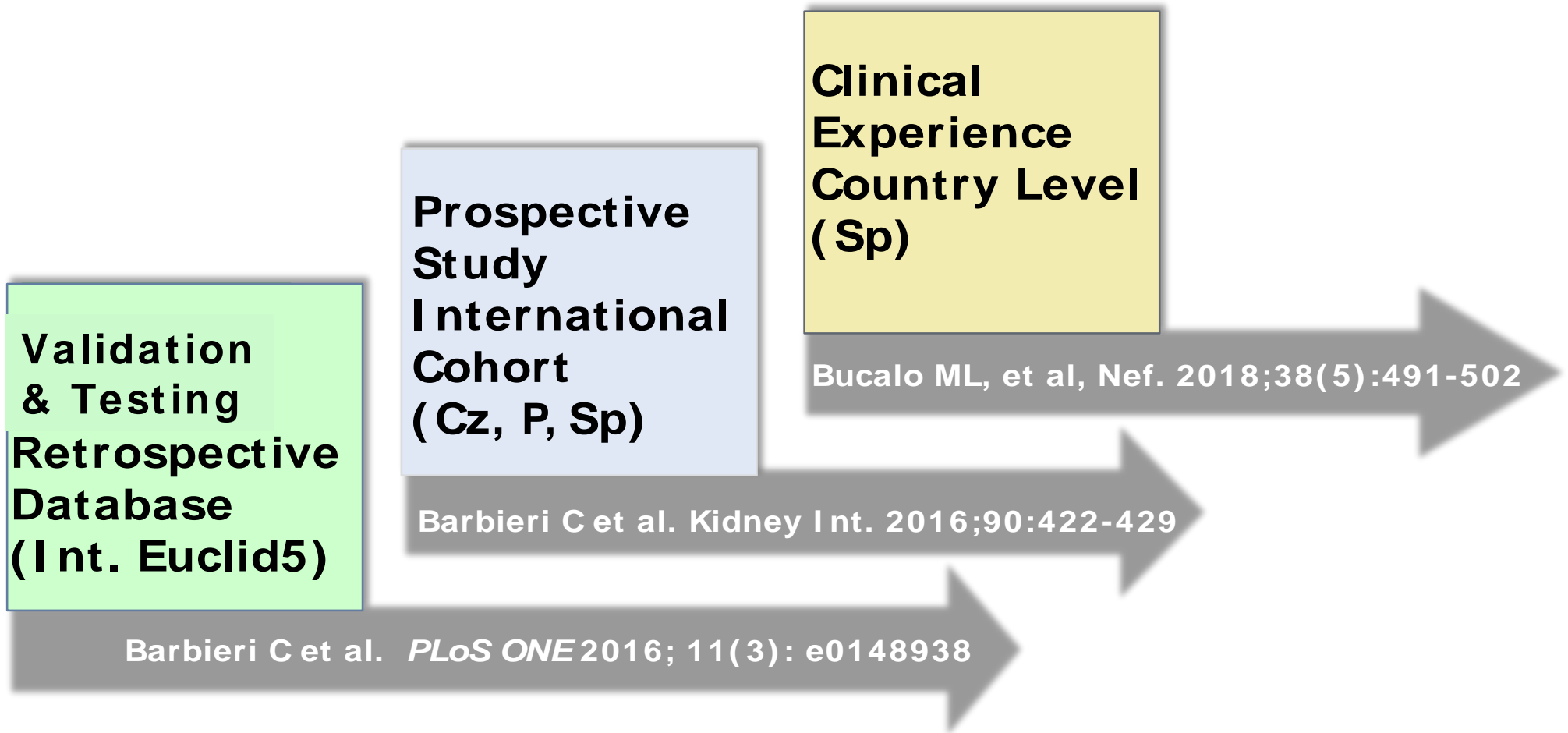
Development of Anemia Control Model

Artificial Intelligence, Neuronal Network, Algorithm & ESA Kinetic



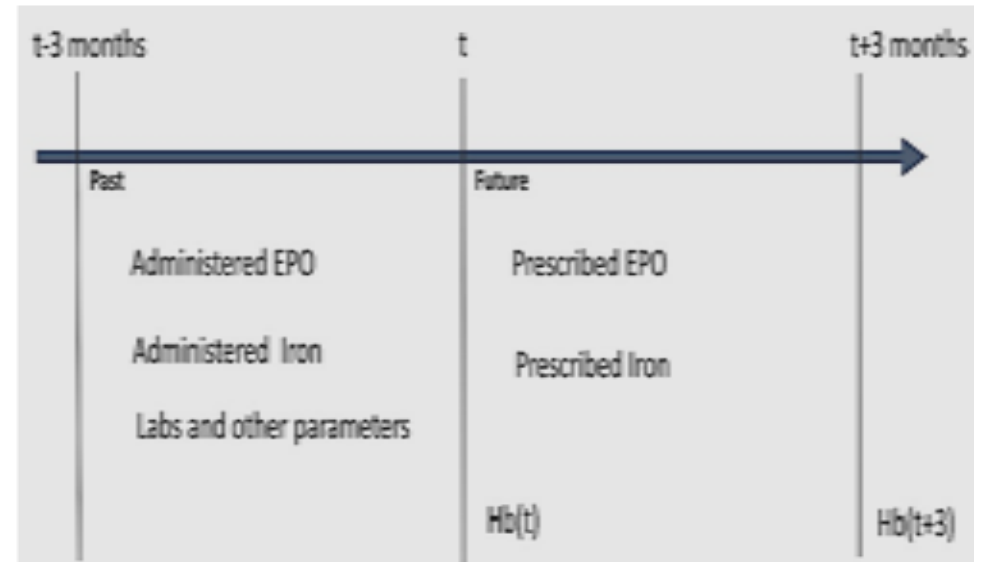
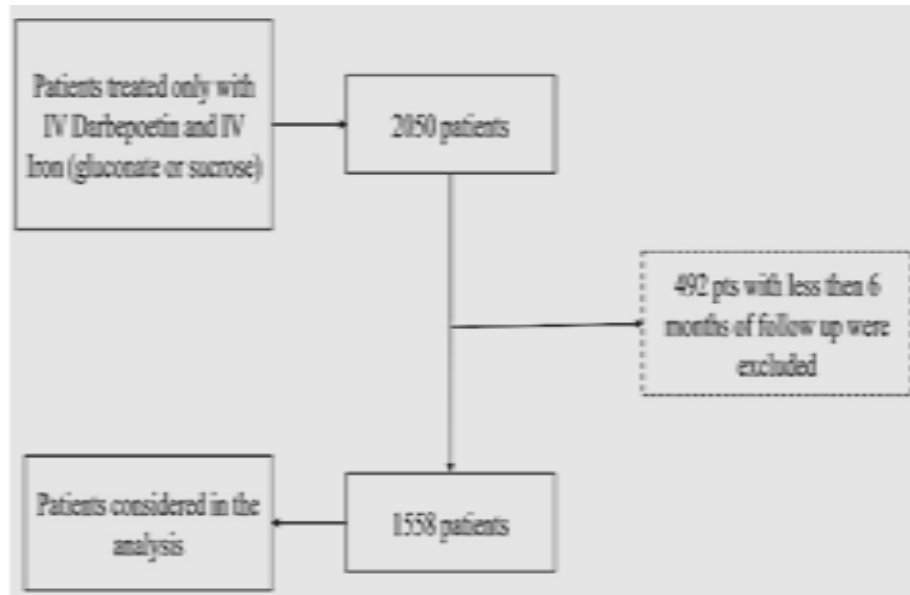
Anemia Control Model (ACM)

Scientific Roadmap : Validation, Testing, Implementation



ACM – Model Validation

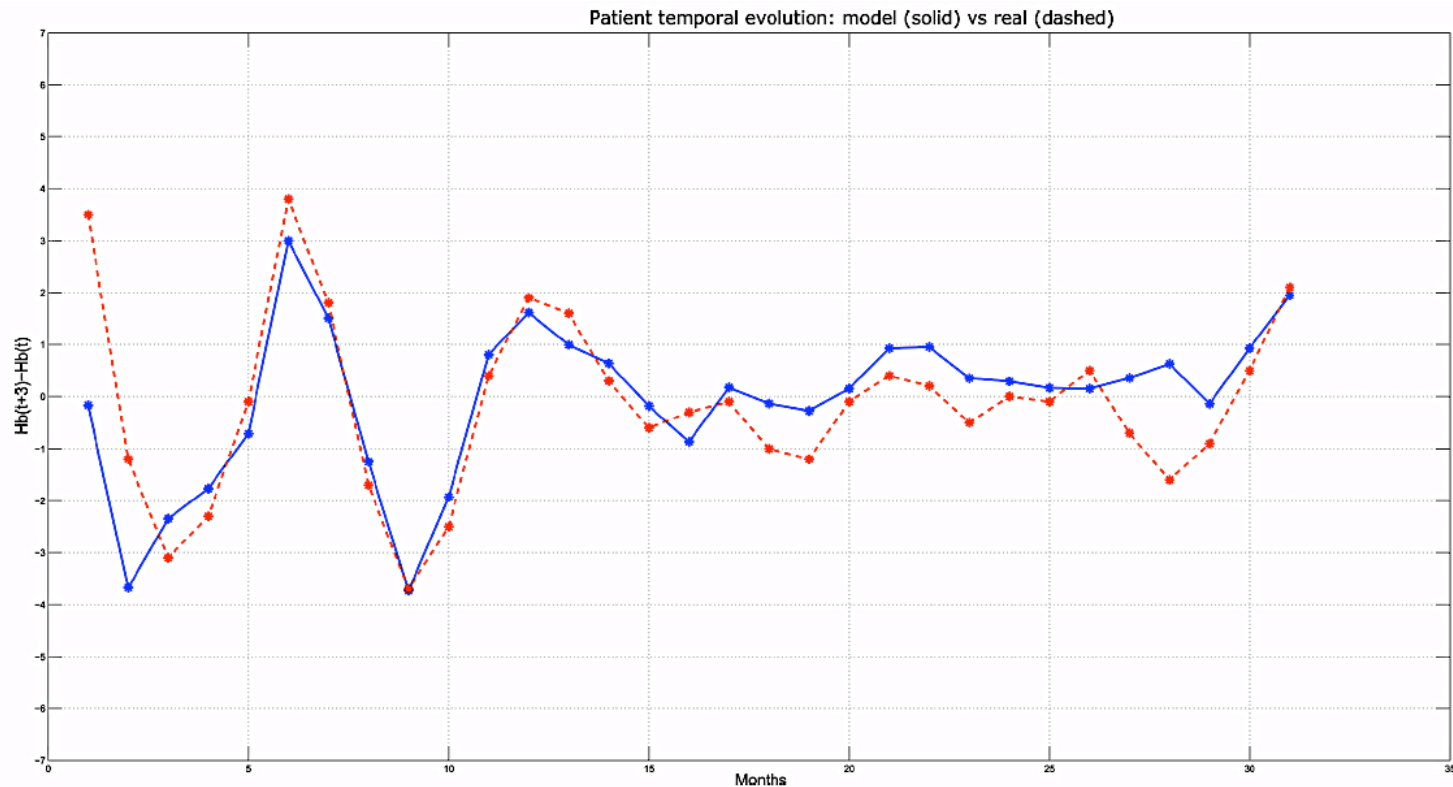
Retrospective Database Cohort



ACM – Model Validation

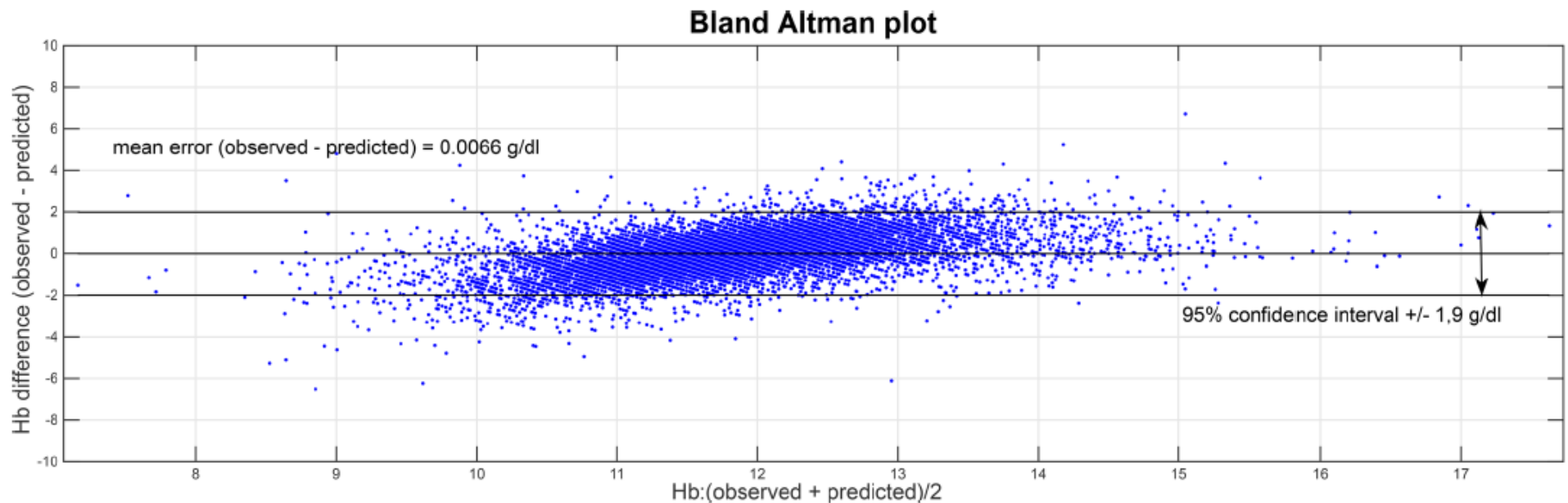
Observed versus Predicted Hb in a Typical Patient

Predicted vs. actual Hb variations for a typical patient characterized by a prediction error close to the mean absolute error on test set



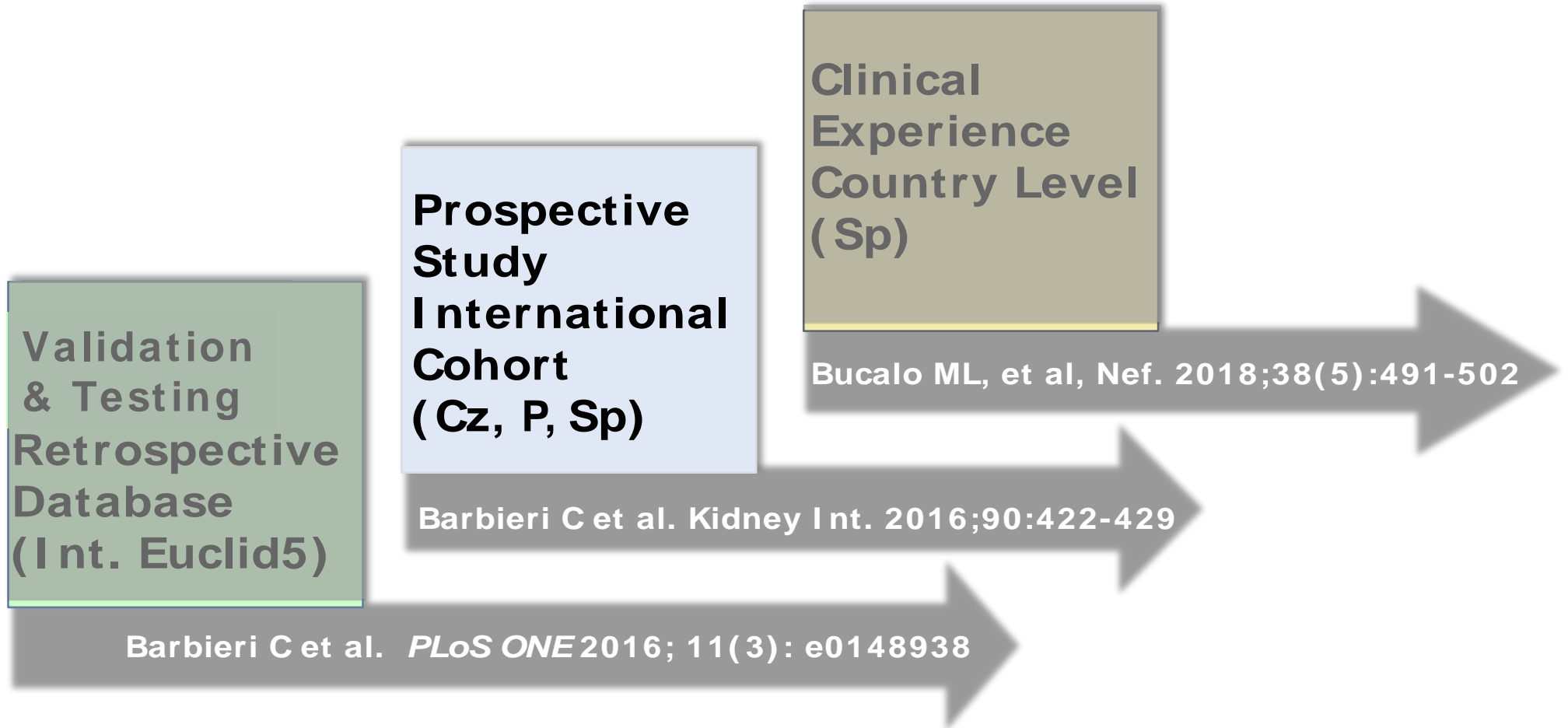
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Bland-Altman Analysis of Observed/Predicted Hb Values

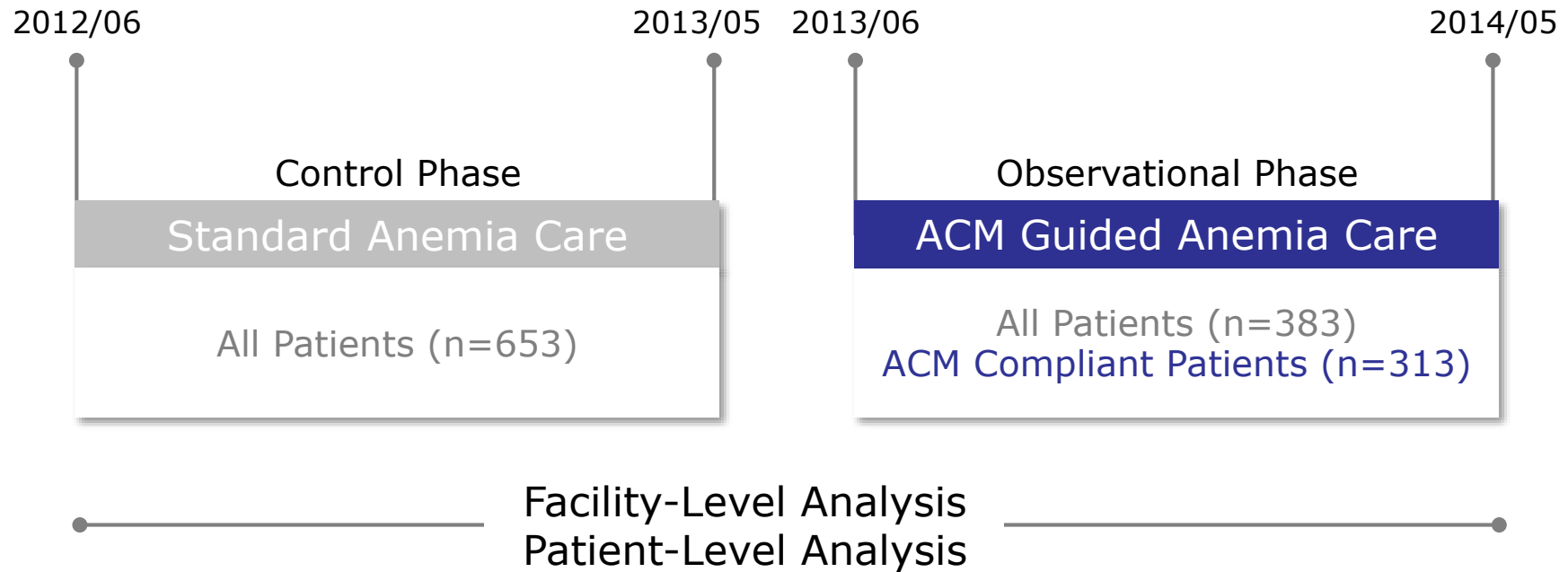


Anemia Control Model (ACM) to Anemex

Scientific Roadmap : Validation, Testing, Implementation



Barbieri Study Design



- **ESA Used:** Darbepoetin α
- **Prevalent** HD Patients (n = 752)
- **EuCliD**
- **Study Clinics:** NephroCare
- Motol Prague Cz
- Cartagena & San Pedro del Pinatar, Sp
- Lumiar, P

ERBP

Hb target 10-12 g/dl

TSAT >30% - Ferritin 150-600 μ g/l

Barbieri & al study

Patient Characteristics

Patient characteristics in study

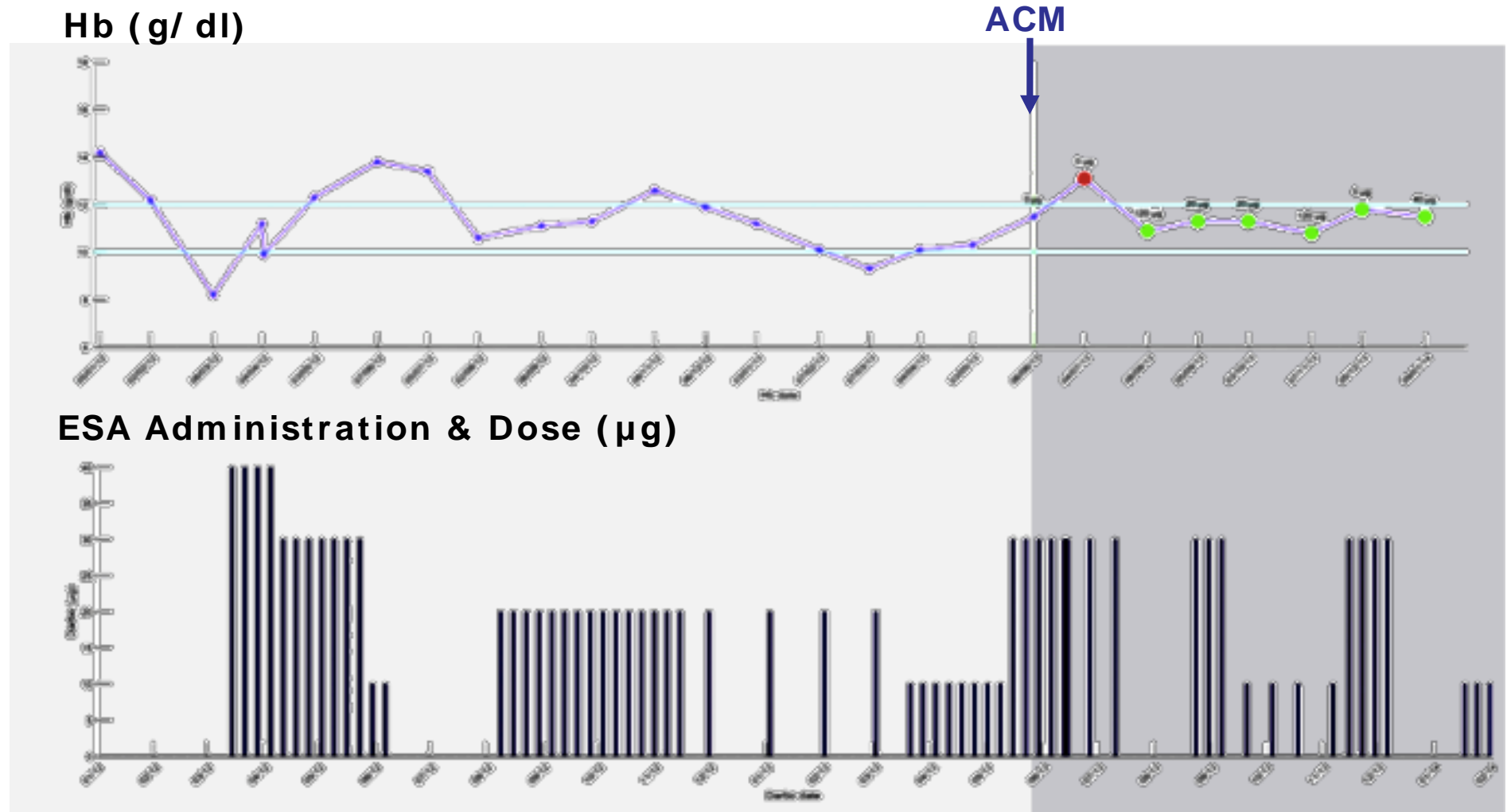
Characteristics	All patients
No. of patients	383
Follow-up period, mo, mean \pm SD	22.12 \pm 2.40
Age, yr, mean \pm SD	65.18 \pm 14.89
Male, no. (%)	231 (60.3)
Comorbidities at ACM entrance, no. (%)	
Coronary artery disease	33 (8.6)
Congestive heart failure	82 (21.4)
Peripheral vascular disease	114 (29.8)
Cerebrovascular disease	71 (18.5)
Chronic pulmonary disease	58 (15.1)
Diabetes	87 (22.7)
Charlson Comorbidity Index, mean \pm SD	6.98 \pm 3.30

Characteristics	All patients
Causes of kidney disease, no. (%)	
Diabetes	75 (19.6)
Hypertension	69 (18.0)
Chronic glomerulonephritis	88 (23.0)
Urinary obstruction/chronic interstitial nephritis	10 (2.6)
Polycystic kidney disease	25 (6.5)
Other	116 (30.3)
Vascular access, no. (%):	
Fistula	261 (68.1)
Catheter	59 (15.4)
Graft	63 (17.2)
Treatment modality, no. (%)	
HDF online	361 (94.3)
High-flux HD	14 (3.7)
Other	7 (1.8)

HD, hemodialysis; HDF, hemodiafiltration.

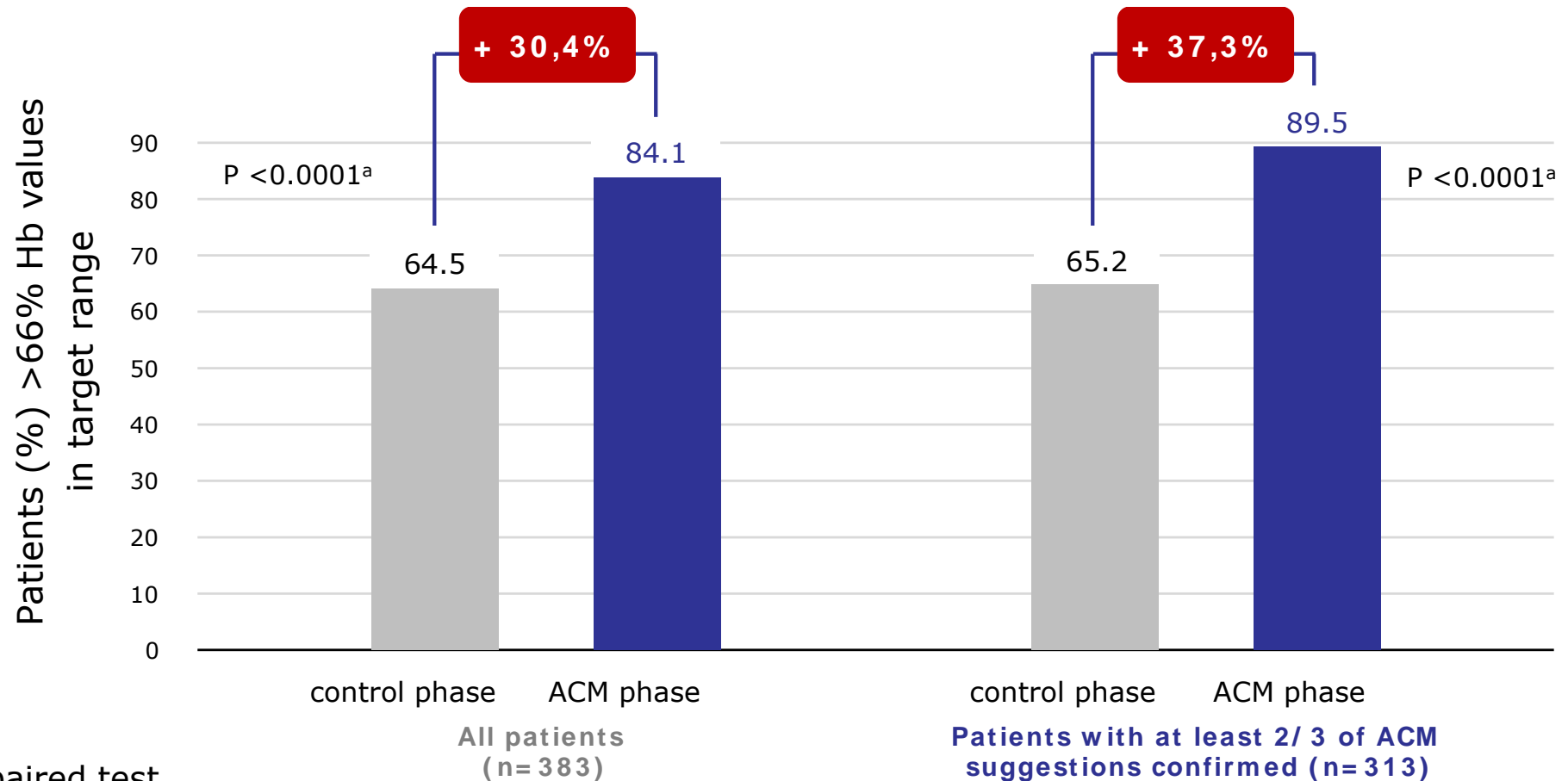
Hb Behavior over Time pre and post-ACM

Example of a Typical Patient



ACM Use Increased Percentage of Patients in Target

Patients with at least two-thirds of their Hb values on target increased significantly



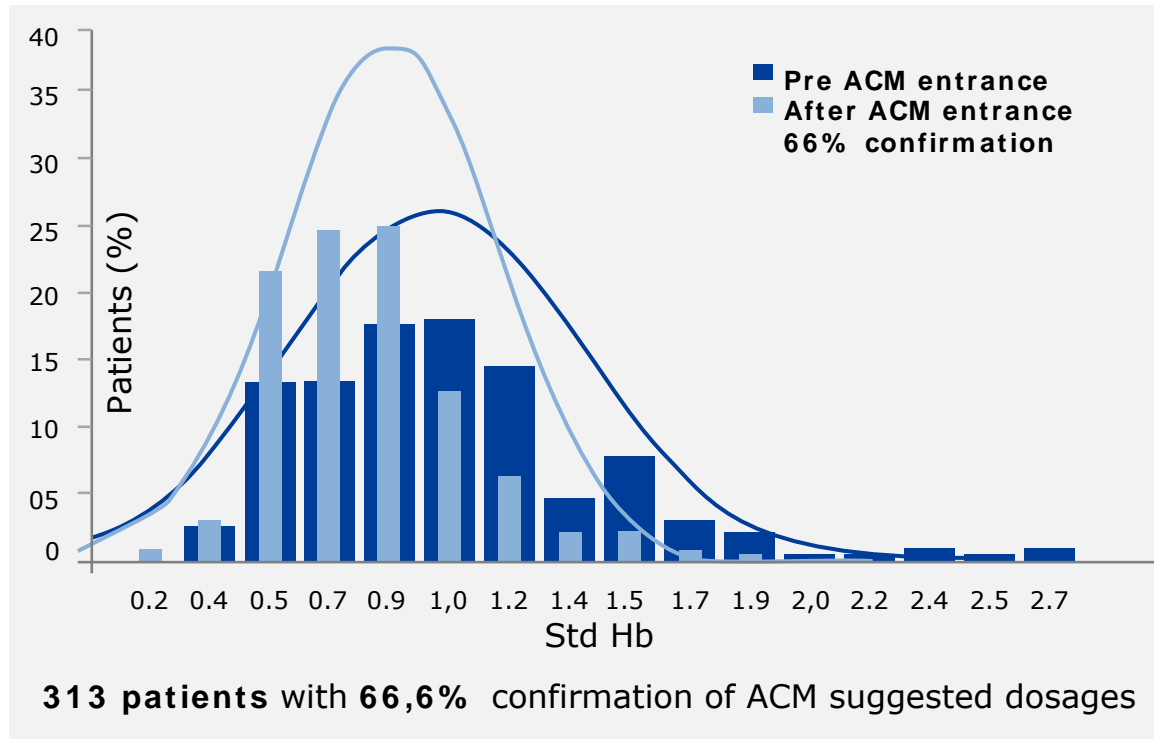
a. paired test

ESA Used : Darbepoetin α

ACM Use Reduced Hb Variability

▶ After ACM deployment, Hb variability decreased

Histogram of Hb SDs before and after ACM introduction



- Histogram shows the distribution of Hb standard deviations in the study phases (pre ACM entrance & after ACM entrance).
- The change in skewness, kurtosis and the distribution shift confirm that Hb variability decreased after ACM deployment.

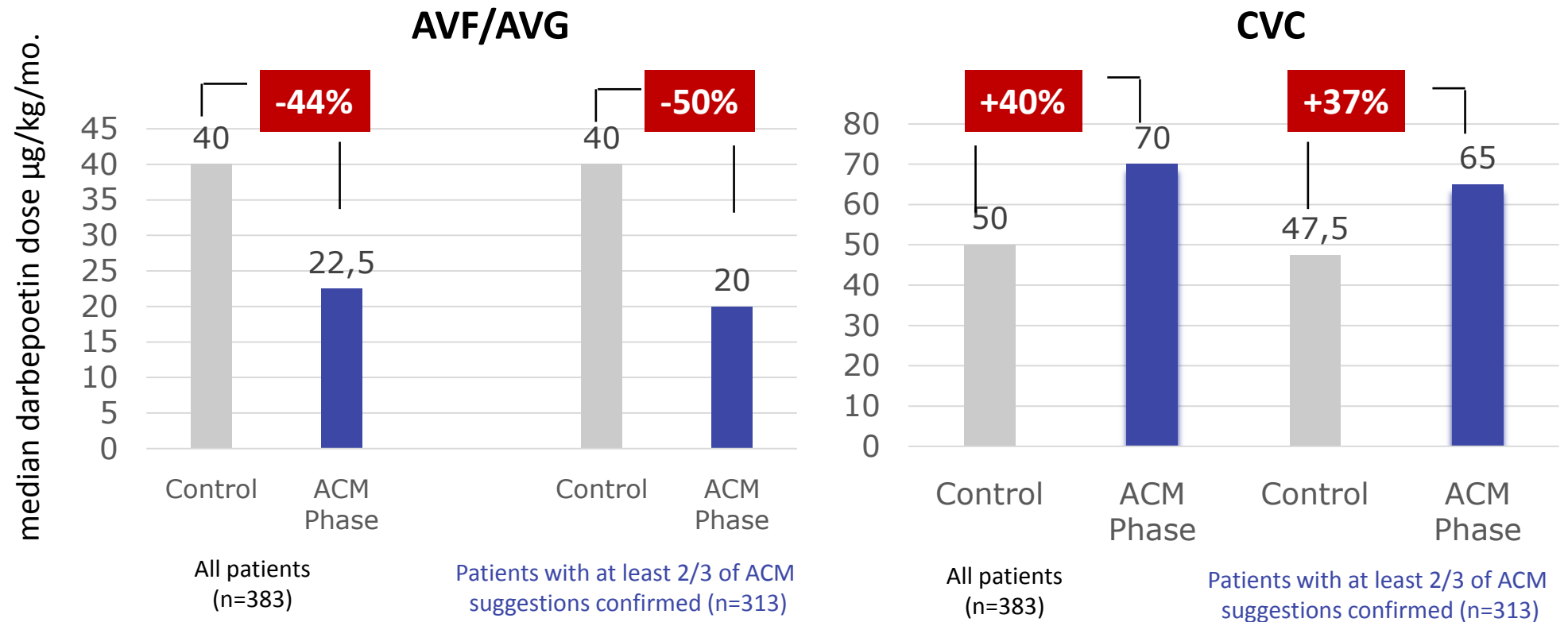
Anemia Management Supported by ACM Reduces ESA Consumption and Improves Outcomes

	Control phase	Observation phase	P-value
ACM-compliant patients (n = 313)			
Anemia outcomes			
Hb SD, g/dl, mean \pm SD	0.97 \pm 0.41	0.80 \pm 0.29	<0.001 ^a
Patients with >66.6% Hb within target range, no. (%)	204 (65.2)	280 (89.5)	<0.001 ^b
Median darbepoetin dose, μ g, median (IQR)	40.00 (80.00)	20.00 (70.00)	0.001 ^c
Median absolute delta darbepoetin dose, μ g, median (IQR)	10.00 (25.00)	10.00 (40.00)	0.24 ^c
Adverse events			
Patients with cardiovascular events, no. (%)	64 (20.4)	39 (12.5)	0.009 ^b
Cardiovascular events (incidence/1000 patient-years)	276.36	191.15	0.002 ^d
Hospitalization days (incidence/1000 patient-years)	3319.69	3348.67	0.42 ^d
Patients with transfusion events, no. (%)	7 (2.2)	0 (0)	0.02 ^b
Transfusion events (incidence/1000 patient-years)	54.59	0	<0.001 ^d



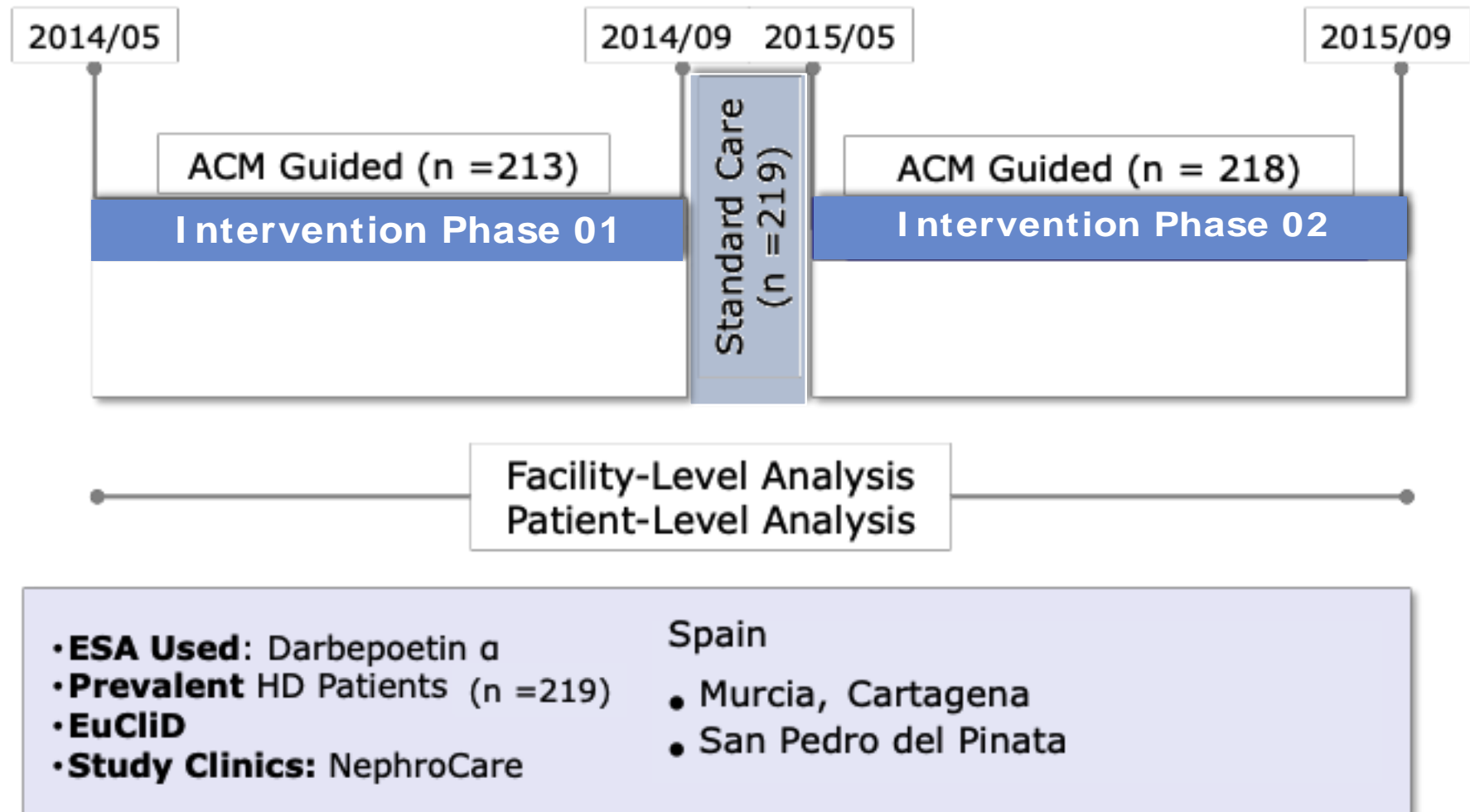
Effect of Vascular Access Type on Anemia Correction

Catheters Increase ESA Consumption & Hb Variability



ACM Used In Daily Clinical Life

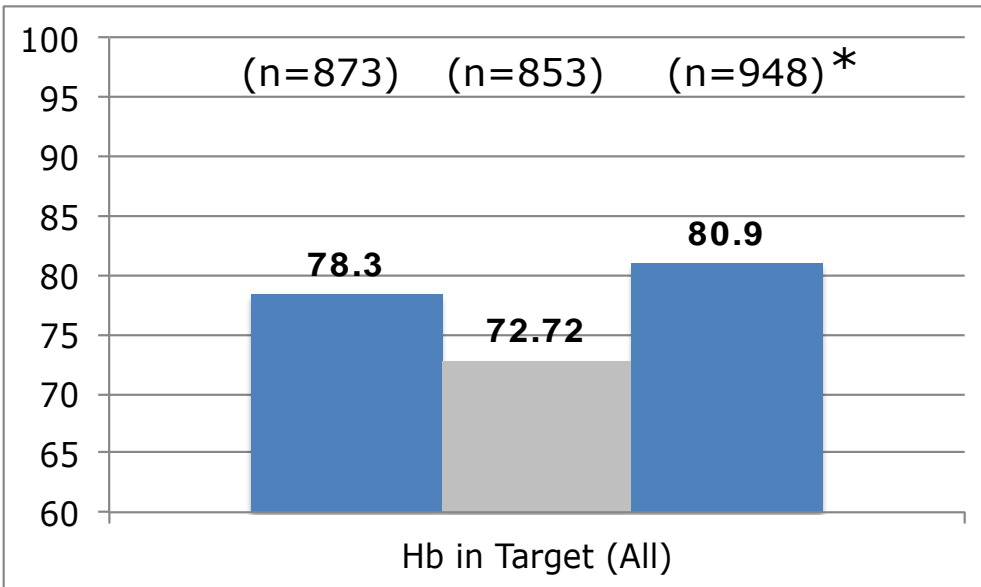
Example of Spain – Study Design



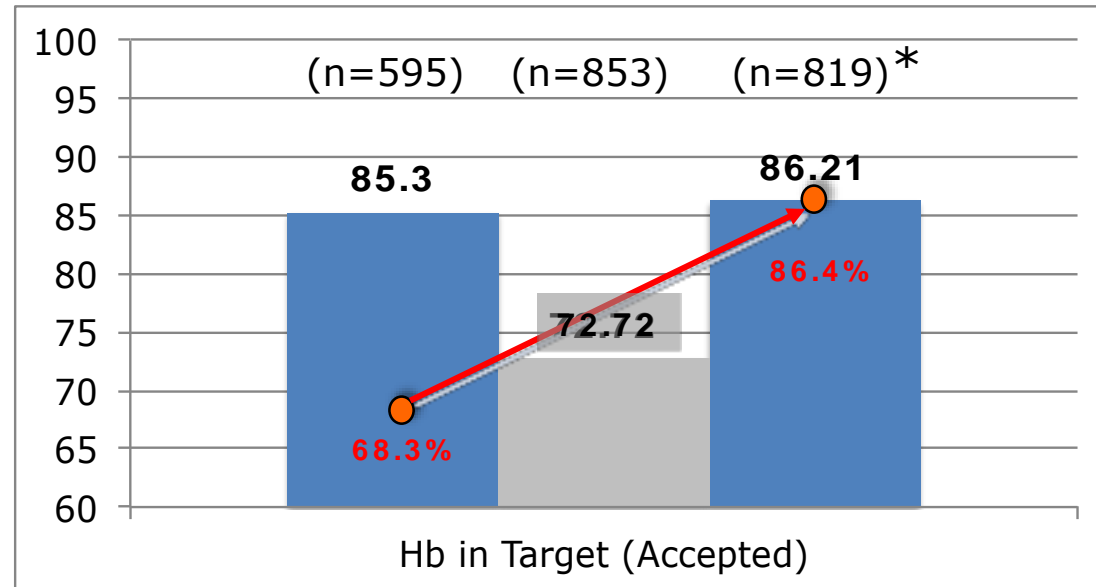
Primary Outcome

Hb in Target

Hb in Target (%)



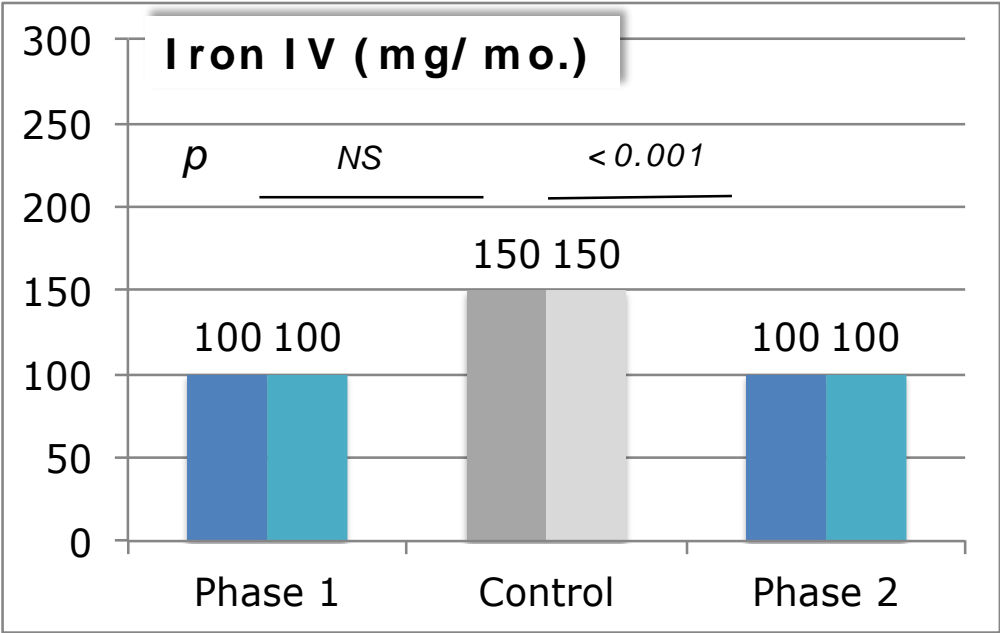
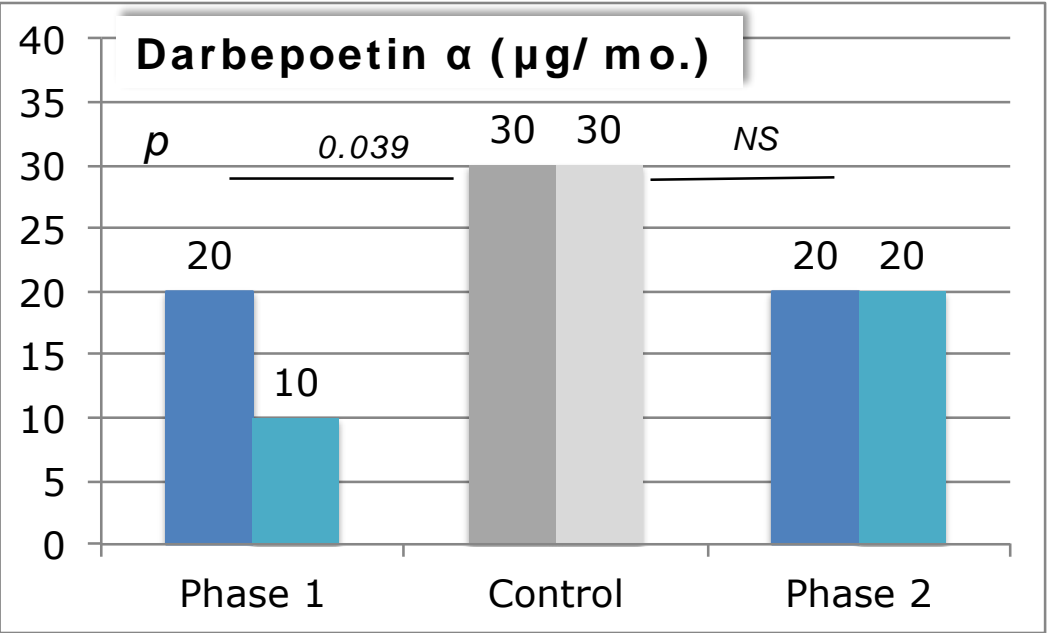
Hb in Target (%)



* Number of Hb measurements

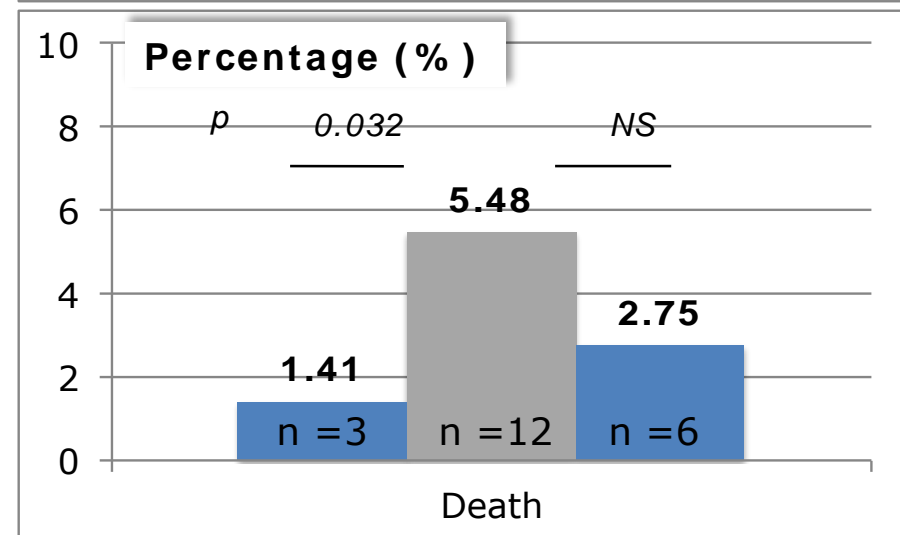
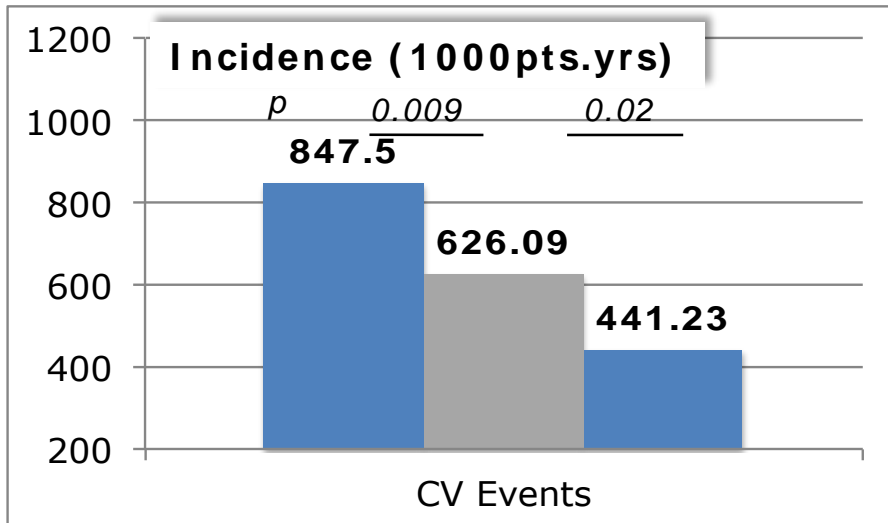
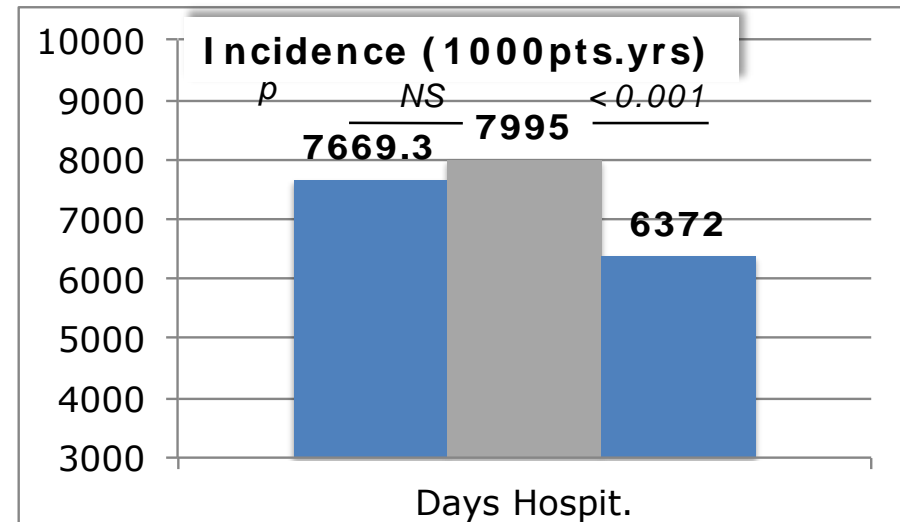
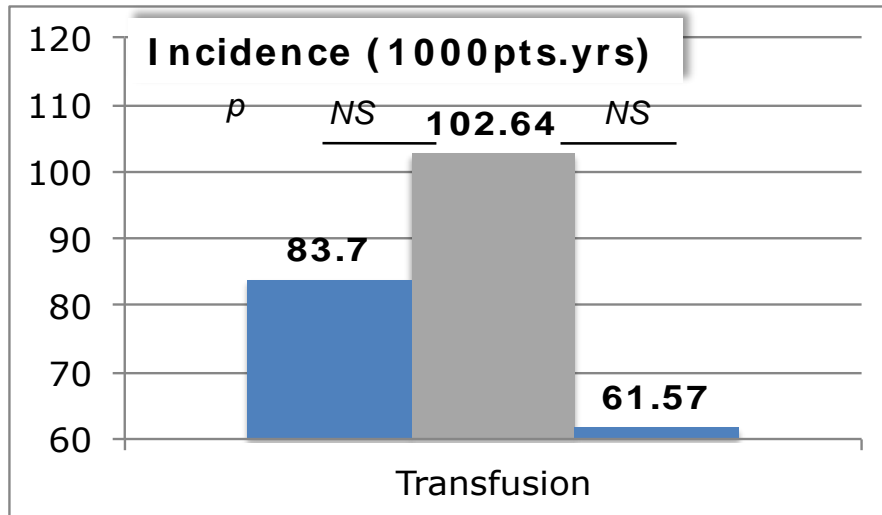
Secondary Outcome

ESA and Iron Consumption

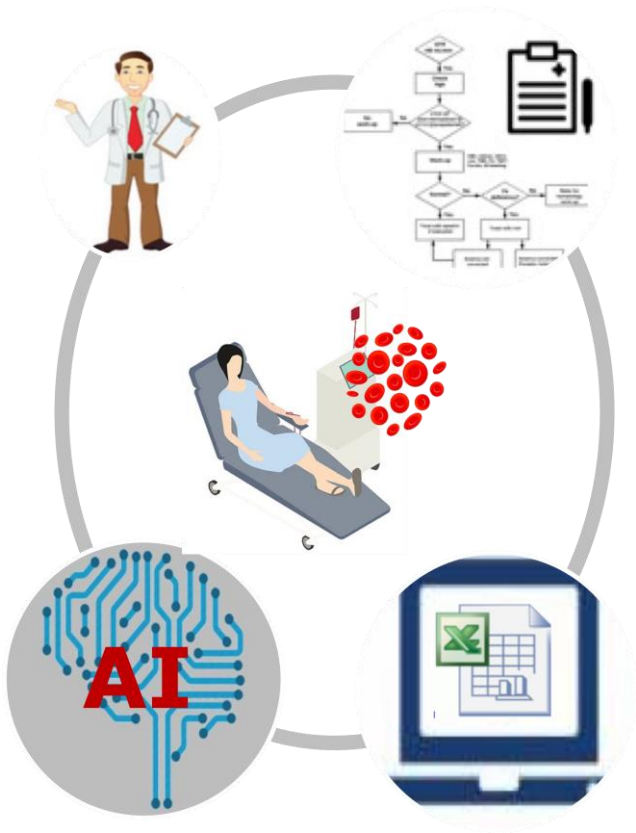


Secondary Outcome

Transfusion – Morbidity - Mortality



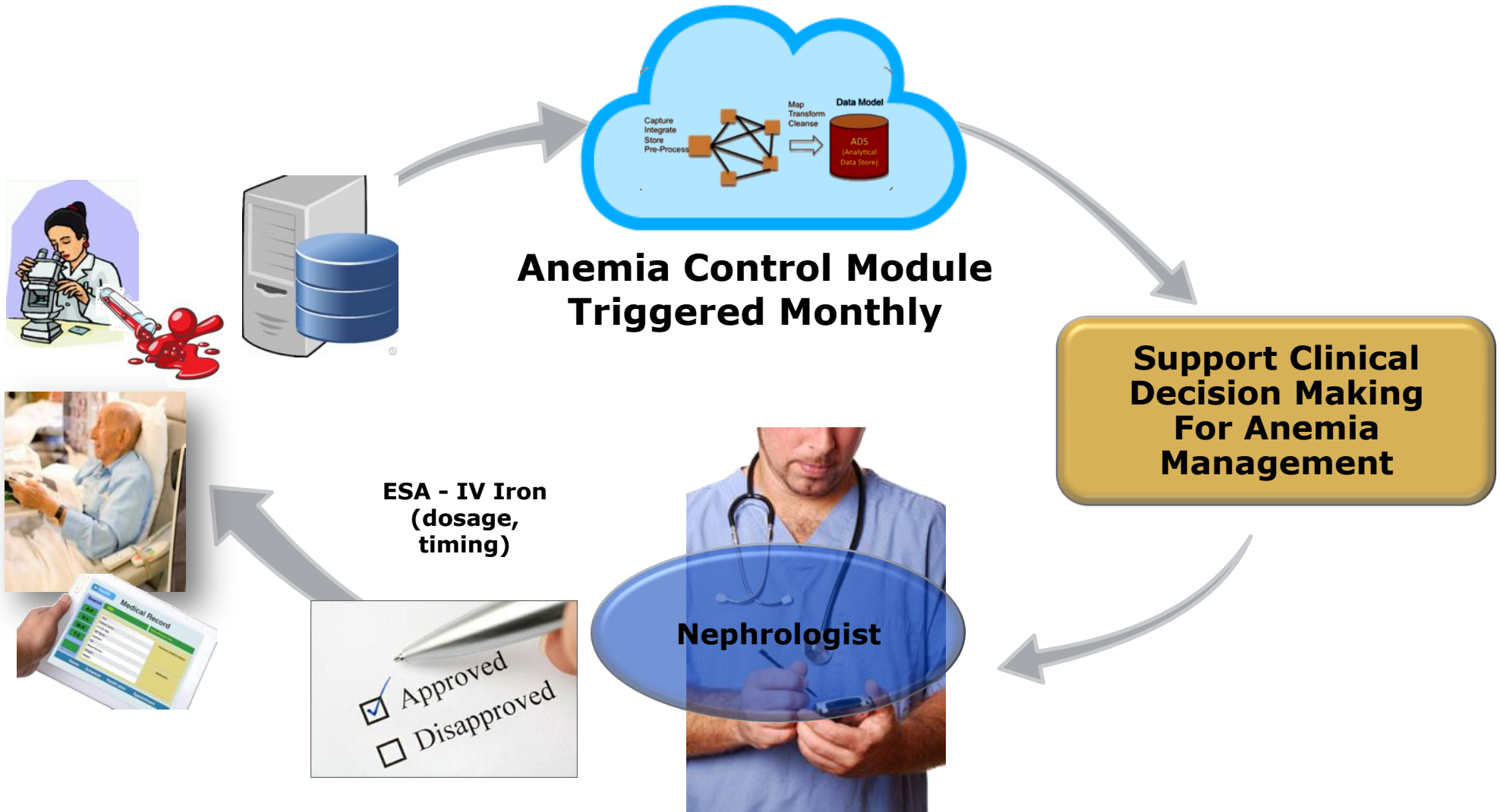
Agenda: From Algorithm to Artificial Intelligence



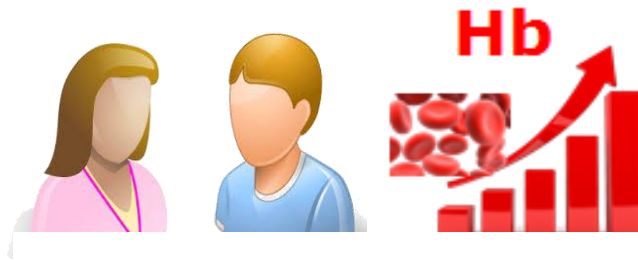
- Renal anemia: lesson learned in few decades
- Anemia correction: ESA, as a disruptive treatment in CKD treatment
- Anemia management: from clinical to artificial intelligence support
- **Take home message: what's next**

Anemia Control Module

Feedback Control Loop to Support Clinical Decision Making



AI is a Tool that Add Value to Care of HD Patients



$$\text{Value Based Care} = \frac{\text{Outcome}}{\text{Cost}}$$



In Brief... Benefits of AI in the Management of Anemia in HD Patients

- Increase number of patients in targets for Hb and iron markers
- Minimize Hb fluctuations over time
- Reduce significantly ESA and iron consumption
- Reduce variations in ESA/iron prescription
- Permit to identify potential causes of ESA resistance
- Provide information on ESA activity (sensitivity) and RBC life span (days)
- Prevent iron use imbalance (hemosiderosis) or ESA
- Reduce significantly cost associated with ESA/iron use
- Tend to reduce morbidity/mortality associated with anemia correction

Remaining Questions and Next Steps to be Validated

- Software and medical device require CE certification
- Software should comply with drug prescription
- Generalizability and extension to other erythropoietic stimulating agents needs to be validated
- Economical model has to be created since it is currently out of dialysis fees
- Liability of prescription (user/software) is a new concern