



“Holding” Dose of Darbopoetin in the NEPH Erythropoetin Management (ESA) Power Plan

Unfortunately, there is no way to place the Aranesp on hold so the following process will have to suffice.

- Navigate to the NEPH Erythropoetin Management (ESA) power plan
- Right-click on the Darbopoetin order within the power plan and select “Cancel/Discontinue”
- Enter nephrologist’s name
- Select ‘Communication Type’ as “Written”
- Provide cancel reason (Physician Request works for now)
- Click Orders for Signature, Sign and Refresh

You will now see the order in a canceled state displayed:

| NEPH Erythropoetin Management (ESA) (Initiated) | | | |
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| Last updated on: 2025-Apr-17 11:57 by: MacNeil, Nicole, RN | | | |
| Patient Care | | | |
| Physician to order initial dose for darbopoetin. Nurse to cancel/discontinue the dose and 'add to phase' the adjusted dose as appropriate as per the ESA adjustment table. | | | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Communication Order | Ordered | 17/04/2025 11:57:00, Maintain target Hemoglobin (Hgb) between |
| Medications | | | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | darbopoetin alfa | Canceled | 40 mcg = 0.4 mL, IV, INJ, weekly, First Dose: 21/04/2025 12:00:00 |

The historical details of the Aranesp order can be reviewed by navigating to Medication orders in the gray pane and clicking on ‘Displayed’: and changing it to ‘All Orders (All Statuses):

Displayed: All Active Orders | All Inactive Orders | All Orders (All Statuses)

- Update the ESA reminder within the NEPH Nursing Intervention power plan as appropriate
- Document a progress note titled “ESA Management” describing actions taken per ESA reminder instructions

Restarting Aranesp at a Lower Dose

When it’s time to restart the Aranesp, you would simply navigate to the NEPH ESA Management power plan and click “Add to Phase”. Ensure the order details i.e. **frequency** (e.g. q1week, q2weeks, qFri) and **date/time of 1st dose** are accurate in order for this medication to populate the MAR/MAW/MAR Summary correctly:

Orders | Medication List | Document in Plan

View

Orders for Signature

- Plans
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 - NEPH Erythropoetin Management (ESA) (Initiated)**
- Oncology
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 - Medications**
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 - Cardiovascular
 - Other Investigations
 - Procedures
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Medication List: darbopoetin alfa

Start: 2025-Apr-17 11:57 Stop: None

Details

Physician to order initial dose for darbopoetin.
Nurse to cancel/discontinue the dose and 'add to phase' the adjusted dose as appropriate as per the ESA adjustment table.

Communication Order Ordered 17/04/2025 11:57:00, Maintain target Hemoglobin (Hgb) between ____ g/L and ____ g/L. Hold ESA if F

darbopoetin alfa Canceled 40 mcg = 0.4 mL, IV, INJ, weekly, First Dose: 21/04/2025 12:00:00

darbopoetin alfa Order 30 mcg, IV, INJ, q1week, First Dose: 18/Apr/2025 10:00 EDT

Dose Adjustments

Details for darbopoetin alfa

Details Order Comments Offset Details Diagnostics

Remaining Administrations: 1

*Dose: 30 *Dose Unit: mcg

*Route of administration: IV Drug Form: INJ

*Frequency: q1week Duration: []

Duration unit: [] PRN: Yes No

PRN reason: [] Administer over: []

Administer over unit: [] *First Dose Date/Time: 18/Apr/2025 10:00 EDT

Stop Date/Time: **/**/**** [] EDT First Dose Priority: []