



## Comprehensive Cancer & Hematology Specialists, P.C.

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A Letter to our Patients:

In response to the recent news media warnings regarding the use of erythropoietin stimulating agents ( Procrit, Aranesp or Epogen) CCHS physicians and clinical staff want to address your concerns. We are fully aware of and informed about the current warnings.

The medicines in question, like ALL medicines that we administer, have safety warnings and guidelines that are put forth to ensure patient safety. Using ANY medication OUTSIDE of the recommended guidelines can create negative effects; however, the staff here at CCHS has always adhered to clinically approved safety guidelines and we will continue to make the necessary clinical decisions to optimize individual plans of care in order to deliver safe and effective treatment.

The warnings that came out about ESA's(erythropoietin stimulating agents) were the result of ongoing clinical trials where varying doses and patient populations were studied as to benefits versus side effects. The information collected in those trials resulted in the new data that was released.

Please rest assured that we have your best interests in mind when we prescribe medicines for your individual treatment plans. We adhere to strict clinical safety standards and will continue to do so. Quality of care is our prime objective.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter please feel free to discuss them with your physician or the nursing staff.

The Physicians & Staff of Comprehensive Cancer & Hematology Specialists