



# NEBRASKA CANCER SPECIALISTS

*the Physicians of Oncology Hematology West*

## **Procrit®**

**Generic Name:** Epoetin Alfa

### **Drug Type:**

Procrit is a colony stimulating factor. It is a medication for the treatment of anemia.

### **How Procrit is given:**

- Procrit is given by subcutaneous (layer of tissue between the skin and the muscle) injection into the arm, abdomen or thigh.

### **Procrit side effects:**

Important things to remember about the side effects of Procrit:

- Side effects may be reversible and may subside after treatment is complete

### **The following side effects are common for patients receiving Procrit:**

- Diarrhea
- Edema (swelling, usually in the feet or hands)
- Fever
- Vomiting
- Shortness of breath
- Tingling
- Upper respiratory infection

### **When to contact your doctor or health care provider:**

Contact your health care provider ***immediately***, day or night, if you should experience any of the following symptoms:

- Tremors or seizures
- Difficulty breathing
- Chest pain
- Sudden se
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The following symptoms require medical attention, but are not an emergency. Contact your health care provider ***within 24 hours*** of noticing any of the following:

- Nausea (interferes with ability to eat and unrelieved with prescribed medication)
- Vomiting (vomiting more than 4-5 times in a 24-hour period)
- Diarrhea (4-6 episodes in a 24-hour period)
- Swelling of the face, feet, hands, arms or legs
- Swelling, redness and pain in one leg or arm and not the other

**Always inform your health care provider if you experience any unusual symptoms.**