**Medication:** Erythropoietin (EPO); Epoetin Alfa (Procrit®, Epogen®)

**Uses:** To increase production of red blood cells

**Administration:** Intravenous

**Potential Side Effects:**
- Flu-like symptoms including muscle and joint pain
- Headache
- Mild stinging pain at injection site
- Rash/Swelling

(The side effects listed above are those that occur most frequently. Other side effects may occur; please contact your doctor to report any new medical problems!)

**Warnings:**
- Inform your doctor if you are:
  1. allergic to any food or medicine or have had an allergic reaction to Epoetin Alfa or Albumin in the past or if you are prone to uncontrollable high blood pressure.
  2. taking any non-cancer related prescriptions or over-the-counter drugs.
- Ask your doctor or pharmacist before using any new medications including: prescriptions, over-the-counter drugs, vitamins or herbal supplements.

**Additional Instructions:**
- Do not discontinue this medication unless instructed to by your doctor.