

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

In Reference to “Patient-Centered Blood Management”

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There is one thing I would like to add to the flowsheet for management of preoperative anemia that Hohmuth et al.¹ have incorporated into their recent review titled “Patient-Centered Blood Management.” Anemia of chronic disease, now called anemia of chronic inflammation,² is still a diagnosis of exclusion, and I would recommend a hematology evaluation before the

final step of starting somebody on erythropoietic agents.

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