



Closing Chasms and Optimizing Care in Hereditary Hemorrhagic Telangiectasia: Expert Perspectives on the Role of Intravenous Iron in the Management of HHT-Associated IDA



Second International HHT Guidelines At-A-Glance Summary of Anemia Recommendations

Adapted from:
Faughnan M, et al.
Ann Intern Med. 2020.

C1

The following HHT patients should be tested for iron deficiency and anemia:

QoE:
HIGH

SoR:
STRONG

- All adults, regardless of symptoms
- All children with recurrent bleeding and/or symptoms of anemia.

C2

Iron replacement for treatment of iron deficiency and anemia as follows:

QoE:
MOD.

SoR:
STRONG

- Initial therapy with oral iron
- IV iron replacement for when oral is not effective, not absorbed or not tolerated, or for patients presenting with severe anemia

C3

RBC transfusions in the following settings:

QoE:
LOW

SoR:
STRONG

- Hemodynamic instability/shock
- Comorbidities that require a higher hemoglobin (Hb) target
- Need to increase the Hb acutely, such as prior to surgery or during pregnancy
- Inability to maintain an adequate Hb despite frequent IV iron infusions

C4

Consider evaluation for additional causes of anemia if inadequate response to iron therapy:

QoE:
LOW

SoR:
STRONG

- Consider: folate, B12, MCV, smear, reticulocyte counts, TSH, hemolysis workup
- In unresolved cases, hematology referral is appropriate

MOD: Moderate, QoE: Quality of Evidence,
SoR: Strength of Recommendation



IV Iron Products and Use in HHT

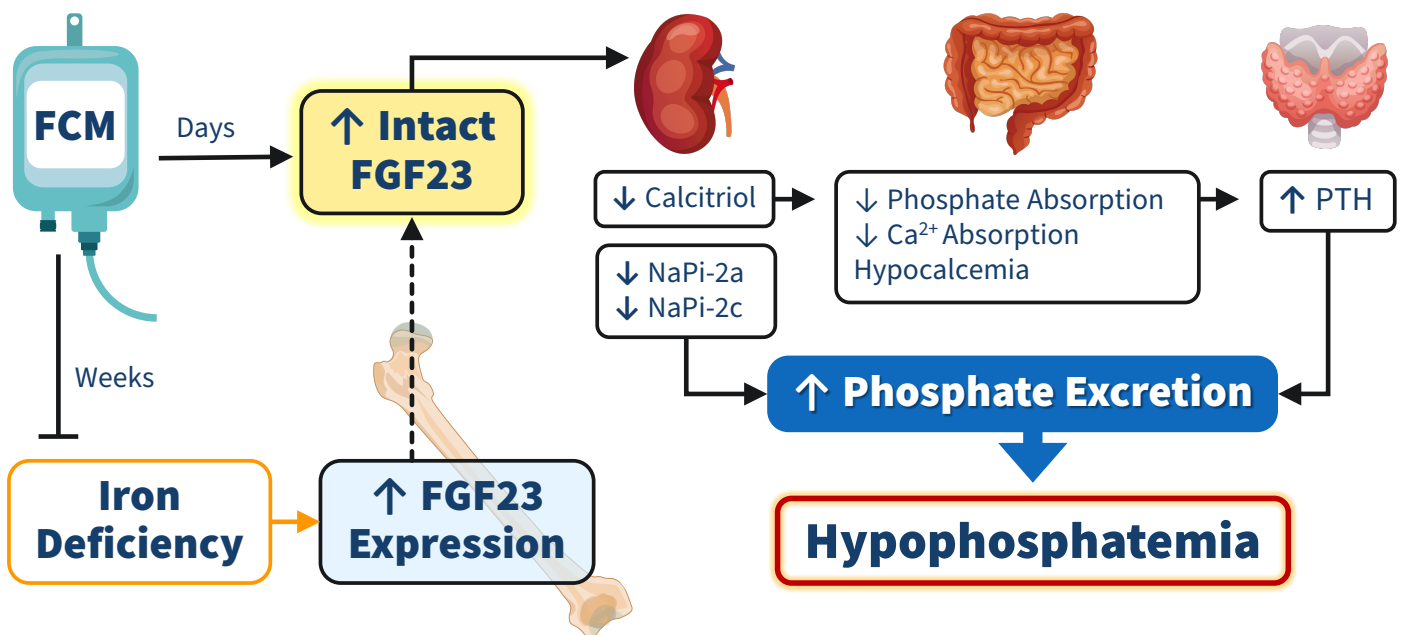
IV iron formulations that allow for **total dose infusions (TDI)** – that is, **full dose iron repletion in a single infusion** – are preferred in HHT, as they **mitigate the already immense infusion burden** for these patients who typically require repeated infusions.

Iron Product	TDI on Label	TDI in Clinic	Infusion Time	Patients	Common Adverse Events	Warnings & Precautions
FCM AVOID in HHT	Yes	Yes	≥15 minutes	Adults, Peds (≥1y)	Nausea, hypertension, hypophosphatemia , flushing	Hypersensitivity reactions, symptomatic hypophosphatemia , hypertension
FDI	Yes	Yes	≥20 minutes	Adults	Nausea, injection site reactions, rash, hypotension	Hypersensitivity reactions, iron overload
FMX	No	Yes	≥15 minutes	Adults	Dizziness, hypotension, constipation, nausea	Black box: fatal and serious hypersensitivity reactions, including anaphylaxis
Iron Sucrose	No	No	≥15 minutes	Adults, Peds (≥2y)	Diarrhea, nausea, vomiting, headache, hypotension, pruritus	Hypersensitivity reactions, hypotension, iron overload
Low-Molecular-Weight Iron Dextran	No	Yes	1 hour (not to exceed 50 mg/min)	Adults, Peds (≥4 months)	Pruritis, abdominal pain, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea	Black box: risk for anaphylactic-type reactions, including fatalities
Sodium Ferric Gluconate	No	No	1 hour	Adults, Peds (≥6y)	Chest pain, leg cramps, dizziness, dyspnea, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea	Hypersensitivity reactions, hypotension, iron overload, benzyl alcohol toxicity

FCM: ferric carboxymaltose, FDI: ferric derisomaltose, FMX: ferumoxytol, Peds: pediatric patients

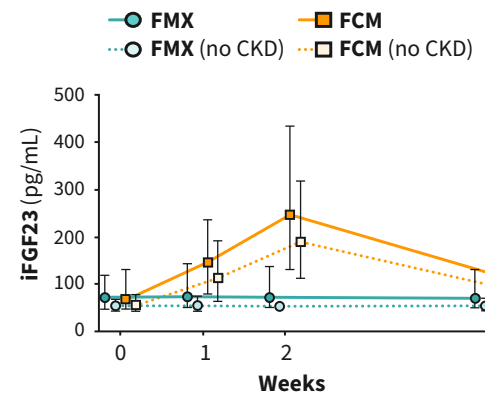
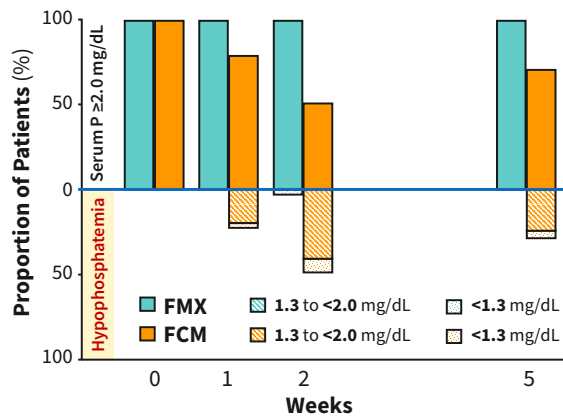
Mechanism of FCM-Induced Hypophosphatemia

Adapted from: Schaefer B, et al. Bone. 2022 Jan;154:116202.

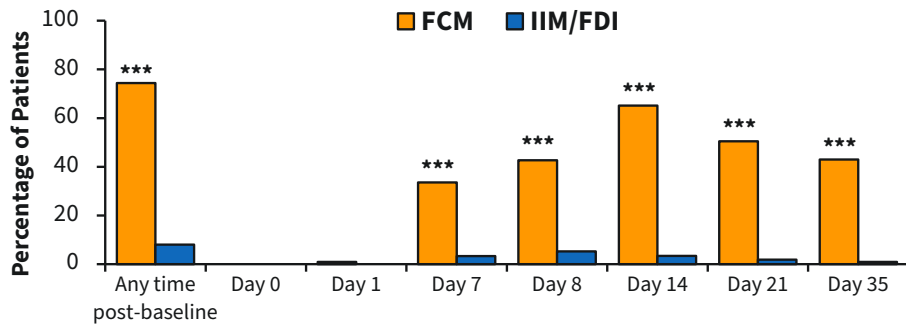


Key Trial Evidence of FCM-Induced Hypophosphatemia

The FIRM Trial
Primary End Point:
 Serum Phosphate
 After IV Iron
N = 1997
Adapted from:
 Wolf et al.
 JCI Insight 2018
 Dec 6;3(23):e124486.



Conclusion: FCM rapidly increases biologically active FGF23 in patients with IDA.



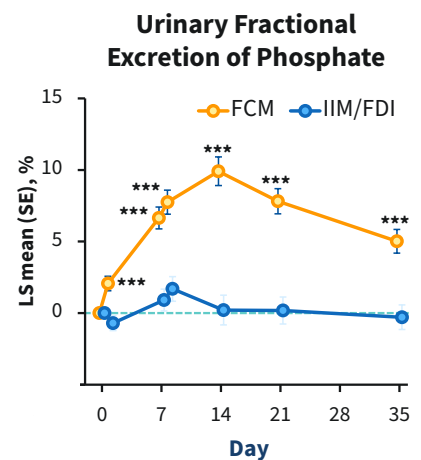
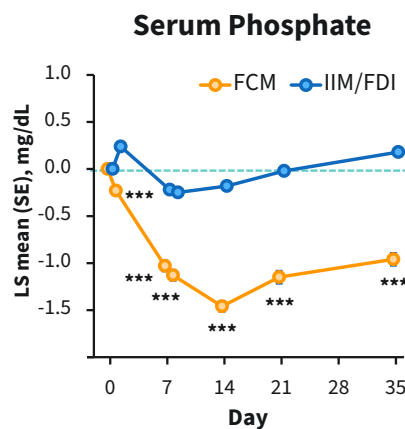
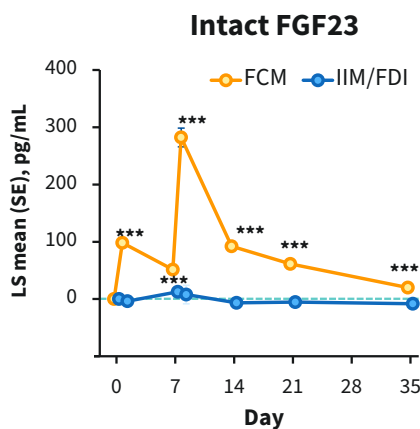
The PHOSPHARE IDA Trials (A&B)
Primary End Point: Incidence of hypophosphatemia up to 35 days
N = 123

Adapted from:
 Wolf et al. JAMA. 2020;323(5):432-443

Conclusion: IIM/FDI resulted in lower incidence of hypophosphatemia vs FCM.

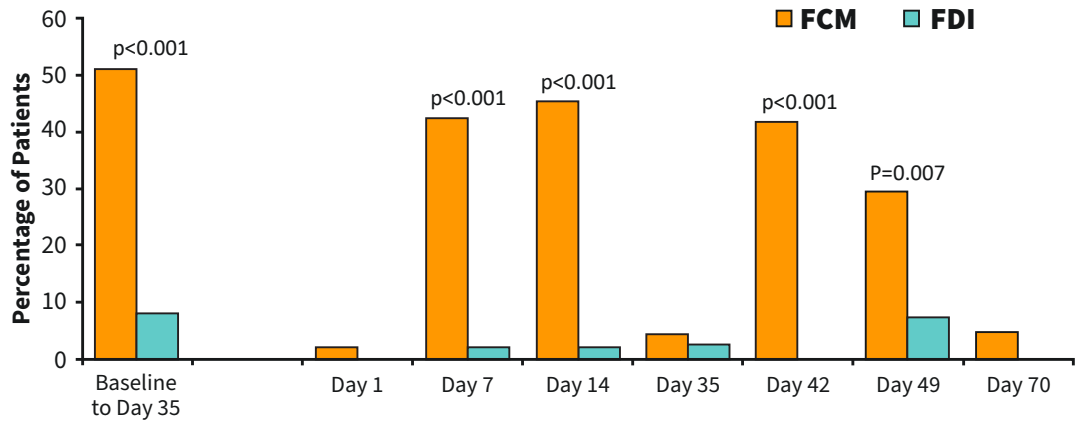
Incidence of **hypophosphatemia** <math>< 2</math> mg/dL:
IIM/FDI: 8.0% vs FCM: 74.4%, $p < 0.001$

Incidence of **severe hypophosphatemia** ≤ 1.0 mg/dL:
IIM/FDI: 0.0% vs FCM: 11.3%, $p < 0.001$



Key Trial Evidence of FCM-Induced Hypophosphatemia

The PHOSPHARE-IBD Trial
Primary End Point: Incidence of hypophosphatemia up to 35 days
N = 156
Adapted from:
 Zoller et al. Gut. 2023 Apr;72(4):644-653.

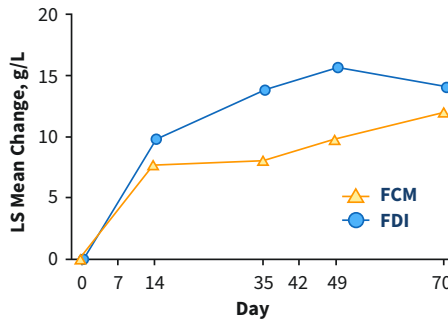


Conclusion: FCM caused a significantly higher rate of hypophosphatemia than FDI.

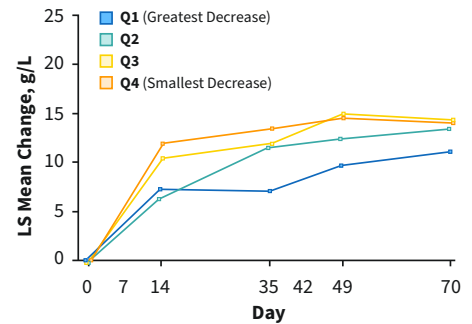
Secondary Outcome:
Fatigue

The PHOSPHARE-IBD Trial: Fatigue Subanalysis
Primary End Point: Percent of patients achieving a FACIT Fatigue Scale improvement of >12 points at any time during study period
N = 97
Adapted from:
 Mehta AR, et al. Blood. 2022; 140(Supplement 1):2469-2470.

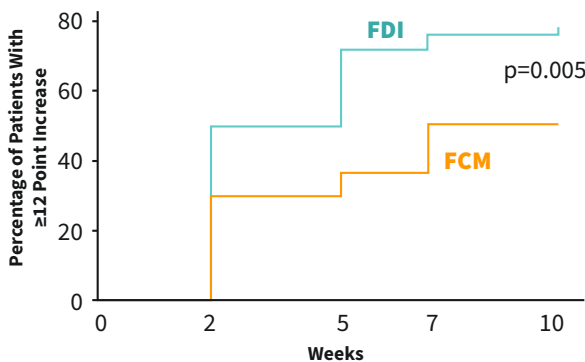
FACIT Fatigue Scale Score



FACIT Fatigue Scale Score by Decrease in Phosphate



FACIT Fatigue Scale Improvement of ≥12 Points



Conclusion: Patients on FDI were significantly more likely to achieve fatigue improvement vs those on FCM.

Retrospective Analysis of Fractures, Osteomalacia, and Kidney Stones

Primary End Point: Combined event rate of fractures, osteomalacia, and kidney stones in FDI vs FCM
N = 289

Adapted from:
 Zoller H, et al. ASH. 2023. Poster #3838.

Conclusion:
 Combined event rate was significantly higher with FCM vs FDI.

