My doctor reduced my ribavirin dose because of low hemoglobin. Does this hurt my chances of being cured?

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The short answer is that we don't know, but we think lowering the ribavirin dose doesn't significantly alter hepatitis C treatment response. Ribavirin reduction studies are too small and too few to be conclusive. Scientists aren't sure how ribavirin works, but when it is combined with hepatitis C direct-acting antivirals, the relapse rate decreases in some situations.

That said, your health and safety are the top priority. Low hemoglobin, a sign of anemia, is potentially serious, and reducing the ribavirin dose may prevent serious consequences.

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