

Pitressin

Pitressin ([Vasopressin](#) Injection, USP) Synthetic is a sterile, aqueous solution of synthetic vasopressin (8-[Arginine vasopressin](#)) of the [posterior pituitary gland](#). It is substantially free from the oxytocic principle and is standardized to contain 20 USP units/mL. The solution contains 0.5% Chlorobutanol (chloroform derivative) as a preservative. The acidity of the solution is adjusted with acetic acid.

This drug should not be used in patients with vascular disease, especially disease of the coronary arteries, except with extreme caution. In such patients, even small doses may precipitate anginal pain, and with larger doses, the possibility of myocardial infarction should be considered.

Vasopressin may produce water intoxication. The early signs of drowsiness, listlessness, and headaches should be recognized to prevent terminal coma and convulsions.

Not to be confused with [Pitosin](#).

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