

VASOPRESSIN (ARGIPRESSIN)-HDU GUIDELINES

Form:	Argipressin (synthetic vasopressin) 20units per ml, 1ml ampoules
Dose:	Usually used at a low fixed dose of 0.01-0.04units per minute for vasodilatory shock
Reconstitution:	Already in solution
Administration:	Continuous IV infusion
Method:	Add 1ml ampoule (20units) to 19ml compatible fluid to give a concentration of 1unit/ml, and administer through a central line , using a syringe pump to control the rate of infusion.
	<u>1unit/hr = 1ml/hr</u>
	0.04units/min = 2.4units/hr
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Compatibility & Stability:	Sodium chloride 0.9% Glucose 5%
Special Notes:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. This is an unlicensed medication. 2. Monitor Blood pressure and heart rate. 3. Administration through a central line is recommended for vasodilatory shock. 4. Please note this information is for treatment of vasodilatory shock only –other indications may require different doses and routes of administration.