

**Approved for ED Use**

**Drug:** Vasopressin (Pitressin)  
**Supplied:** 20 units / 1 ml injection, 1 ml vial

**Indication:** Vasodilatory shock / Septic shock

**Suggested Regimen:** 0.01 to **0.04 units / min** administered by IV infusion. Most cases use 0.04 units / min as a fixed dose.  
**Maximum ED Dose = 0.04 units / per minute (standard dilution)**

**Monitor:** Fluid intake and output, serum sodium, urine specific gravity, urine and serum osmolality.  
Monitor IV site very closely, especially if it is a peripheral site; a central venous catheter is preferred.

**Comments:** Do not abruptly discontinue the IV infusion (taper over 2 to 3 hours while monitoring effects).

**Compatibility:** NS (Sodium Chloride 0.9%)

**Mixing info:**

**STANDARD DILUTION**

Mix 20 units of Vasopressin (= 1 ml) in 250 ml NS for a final concentration of 0.08 units /ml	
<b>Dose units/min</b>	<b>Rate (ml/hr)</b>
0.01	7.5
0.02	15
0.03	22.5
0.04	30