Desmopressin

Approved human use · product-specific labels.



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KEEP IN MIND Evidence applies to the studied formulation, route, population and outcome—not every product sharing a name.

01 What is it?

Desmopressin is a modified version of vasopressin, the hormone that helps the kidneys conserve water. Particular medicinal formulations also raise clotting-factor activity and have uses in selected bleeding disorders. The formulation and diagnosis determine which role applies. [1]

02 Potential benefits

Has defined uses in selected water-balance and bleeding disorders. Can promote kidney water retention or release of clotting factors, depending on route and indication. [1]

03 Evidence & its limits

Retaining too much water can dangerously lower blood sodium. The injection label carries a boxed warning for severe hyponatremia, including seizures, coma, and death; fluid restrictions, contraindications, and sodium monitoring are central to its safe use. [1]

04 Risks & unknowns

Hyponatremia and water intoxication can be serious. Fluid instructions and monitoring are indication-specific. [1]

05 Status & scope

Approved human use · product-specific labels. Read the full record for product, formulation and indication-specific status; a biological role or measured response is not a treatment approval. [1]

06 The question to ask

Does the evidence match the exact product, route, condition and outcome being discussed? Check the full record and its review dates. This summary is selective; the product label and clinical assessment contain additional warnings and contraindications.

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[1] Full evidence record, references and review dates
[2] FDA Drugs@FDA database
[3] MedlinePlus: medication-specific uses and precautions
[4] Desmopressin injection prescribing information

Selective educational summary, not treatment or dosing advice. Existing profile review dates retained; no independent clinical review.