



ADULT MEDICATION GUIDELINE

Desmopressin (DDAVP)

Scope (Staff):	All WNHS Staff
Scope (Area):	Obstetrics and Gynaecology

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Medication Class

Antidiuretic hormone analogue

Presentation

Ampoule: 4microg/mL

Storage

Store at 2 to 8°C. Do not freeze. Protect from light.

Dose

A Clinical Haematologist should ALWAYS be contacted regarding use and dosage

Control of bleeding (in Haemophilia A and von Willebrand's disease)

IV infusion:

Typical adult dosage is 0.2 - 0.3microg/kg administered 30 minutes before surgery

Administration

Refer to the [Australian Injectable Drugs Handbook](#)

Monitoring

For all indications, monitor: Water balance, serum sodium, serum electrolytes, blood pressure, pulse

In Hemophilia A: Factor VIII coagulant activity, factor VIII ristocetin cofactor activity, and factor VIII antigen levels, aPTT

In von Willebrand's disease: Factor VIII coagulant activity, factor VIII ristocetin cofactor activity, and factor VIII von Willebrand antigen levels, bleeding time

Pregnancy

1st Trimester: Monitoring required

2nd Trimester: Monitoring required

3rd Trimester: Monitoring required

For more information, please contact [KEMH Obstetric Medicines Information Service](#).

Breastfeeding

Considered safe to use

Related Policies, Procedures & Guidelines

FSH Guidelines:

[von Willebrand Disease: Treatment of Bleeding Event](#)

[Haemophilia A and B - Bleeding Event](#)

[IV Drug Administration Guideline Desmopressin](#)

WNHS Clinical Practice Guidelines:

Haematology: [WNHS Transfusion Medicine Policies](#)

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