

## **Patient Information Sheet**

# Conivaptan (marketed as Vaprisol®)

This is a summary of the most important information about Vaprisol. For details, talk to your healthcare professional.

#### What Is Vaprisol?

Vaprisol is a medicine given in a vein (intravenous or I.V.) to raise low blood sodium levels in hospitalized patients with "euvolemic hyponatremia." Euvolemic hyponatremia is when a patient has too little sodium in the bloodstream but a normal amount of fluid in the body.

Vaprisol should not be used to treat congestive heart failure.

Vaprisol has not been studied in children.

#### Who Should Not Be Treated With Vaprisol?

You should not be treated with Vaprisol if you:

- Have too little sodium in the bloodstream and too little fluid in the body (hypovolemic hyponatremia)
- are allergic to any of its ingredients
- are taking medicines that can interact with Vaprisol, such as:
  - o statin medicines, including
    - o simvastatin (Zocor®, Vytorin®)
    - lovastatin (Mevacor®, Altocor®, Advicor®, Altoprev®)
    - o atorvastatin (Lipitor®)
    - o rosuvastatin (Crestor®)
  - o ketoconazole (Nizoral®)
  - o itraconazole (Sporanox®)
  - o clarithromycin (Biaxin®)
  - o ritonavir (Norvir®, Kaletra®)
  - o indinavir (Crixivan®)

Know the medicines you take. Keep a list of them with you to show your healthcare professional.

What Are The Risks?

The following are the major potential risks and side effects of Vaprisol therapy. This is not a complete list.

- There may be serious side effects if your blood sodium levels rise too quickly. Your healthcare professional will monitor your blood sodium levels and check for brain side effects
- Injection site reactions are the most common side effect of Vaprisol. Serious injection site reactions may require stopping Vaprisol.
- Some other common side effects that may occur with Vaprisol include:
  - o headache
  - o thirst
  - o low potassium
  - vomiting
  - o increased urination
  - o diarrhea
  - decrease in blood pressure upon standing that may cause faintness

## What Should I Tell My Healthcare Professional?

**Before you are given Vaprisol**, tell your healthcare professional if you:

- have congestive heart failure
- have or had liver problems
- have or had kidney problems
- are pregnant or are trying to become pregnant
- are breast-feeding

#### **How Is Vaprisol Given?**

Vaprisol is given through a large vein (I.V.) for up to four days.

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