

# VIATOCINON

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## Consumer Medicine Information (CMI) summary

The [full CMI](#) on the next page has more details. If you are worried about using this medicine, speak to your doctor or pharmacist.

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### 1. Why am I given VIATOCINON?

VIATOCINON contains the active ingredient synthetic oxytocin. VIATOCINON is used to bring on (induce) labour. It can also be used during and immediately after delivery to help the birth and to prevent or treat excessive bleeding.

For more information, see Section [1. Why am I given VIATOCINON?](#) in the full CMI.

### 2. What should I know before I am given VIATOCINON?

Do not use if you have ever had an allergic reaction to VIATOCINON or any of the ingredients listed at the end of the CMI.

**Talk to your doctor if you have any other medical conditions or take any other medicines.**

For more information, see Section [2. What should I know before I am given VIATOCINON?](#) in the full CMI.

### 3. What if I am taking other medicines?

Some medicines may interfere with VIATOCINON and affect how it works.

For more information, see Section [3. What if I am taking other medicines?](#) in the full CMI.

### 4. How is VIATOCINON given?

- VIATOCINON must only be given by a doctor or nurse.

More instructions can be found in Section [4. How is VIATOCINON given?](#) in the full CMI.

### 5. Are there any side effects?

**Tell your doctor or nurse immediately if you notice any of the following symptoms:**

Rash, itching or hives on the skin, swelling of the face, lips, tongue, throat, or other parts of the body, shortness of breath, wheezing or troubled breathing, headache, nausea (feeling sick) or vomiting, feeling drowsy and lethargic, pain in the abdomen that is different from labour pains, dizziness, light headedness or faintness, flushing of the face, chest pain, fast, slow or irregular heartbeat, excessive or continuous contractions, abnormal clotting or bleeding.

For more information, including what to do if you have any side effects, see Section [5. Are there any side effects?](#) in the full CMI.

# VIATOCINON

Active ingredient(s): *synthetic oxytocin*

## Consumer Medicine Information (CMI)

This leaflet provides important information about using VIATOCINON. **You should also speak to your doctor or pharmacist if you would like further information or if you have any concerns or questions about using VIATOCINON.**

Where to find information in this leaflet:

1. [Why am I given VIATOCINON?](#)
2. [What should I know before I am given VIATOCINON?](#)
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## 1. Why am I given VIATOCINON?

**VIATOCINON contains the active ingredient synthetic oxytocin.** VIATOCINON is a man-made chemical that is identical to a natural hormone called oxytocin. It works by stimulating the muscles of the uterus (womb) to produce rhythmic contractions.

**VIATOCINON is used to bring on (induce) labour. It can also be used during and immediately after delivery to help the birth and to prevent or treat excessive bleeding.**

VIATOCINON is not suitable in all situations - for example, if the baby or placenta are in the wrong position or if you have had a previous caesarean section or other surgery involving the uterus. Your doctor can give you more information on the suitability of this medicine for you.

**Ask your doctor if you have any questions about why VIATOCINON has been prescribed for you.**

Your doctor may have prescribed it for another reason.

VIATOCINON is only available with a doctor's prescription.

## 2. What should I know before I am given VIATOCINON?

### Warnings

**You must not be given VIATOCINON if:**

- you are allergic to oxytocin (the active ingredient), latex or any of the ingredients listed at the end of this leaflet. Symptoms of an allergic reaction may include:
  - shortness of breath
  - wheezing or difficulty breathing
  - swelling of the face, lips, tongue or other parts of the body
  - rash, itching or hives on the skin.

Always check the ingredients to make sure you can use this medicine.

- your doctor thinks that inducing or enhancing contractions for normal labour and vaginal delivery would be unsuitable for you or your baby
- there are maternal or foetal reasons for caesarean delivery
- you have been given medicines called prostaglandins within the past 6 hours

**If you are not sure whether you should be given this medicine, talk to your doctor or nurse.**

**Check with your doctor if you:**

- **are allergic to any other medicines, foods, dyes or preservatives.**

Your doctor will want to know if you are prone to allergies.

- **have high blood pressure or any heart or kidney problems.**

Your doctor may want to take extra precautions. For example, the amount of fluid you will be given may need to be reduced if you have a problem with your heart or kidneys.

- **have, or have ever had any of the following medical conditions:**
  - an abnormal electrical signal called "prolongation of the QT interval"
  - any other conditions that affect the heart
  - kidney problems
  - liver problems
- **are taking any medicines that may affect your heart, or any other medicines, including medicines that you buy without a prescription from a pharmacy, supermarket or health food shop.**

Some medicines and VIATOCINON may interfere with each other.

- **have been given anaesthetics or medicines called prostaglandins.**

**If you have not told your doctor or nurse about any of the above, tell them before you are given VIATOCINON.**

During treatment, you may be at risk of developing certain side effects. It is important you understand these risks and how to monitor for them. See additional information under Section [5. Are there any side effects?](#)

## 3. What if I am taking other medicines?

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking any other medicines, including any medicines, vitamins or supplements that you buy without a prescription from your pharmacy, supermarket or health food shop.

## 4. How VIATOCINON is given?

To bring on (induce) or maintain labour, VIATOCINON is given by intravenous infusion (drip). The speed of the infusion is set to maintain a pattern of contractions similar to normal labour. During the infusion, both you and your baby will be closely monitored to prevent complications.

If VIATOCINON is needed at delivery or to prevent excessive bleeding, it can also be given intramuscularly (into a muscle) or by slow intravenous injection directly into a vein.

### How much will you be given

Your doctor will decide what dose of VIATOCINON you will receive, depending on your pattern of contractions.

## 5. Are there any side effects?

**Tell your doctor or nurse as soon as possible if you do not feel well while you are having VIATOCINON.**

All medicines can have side effects. If you do experience any side effects, most of them are minor and temporary. However, some side effects may need medical attention.

Do not be alarmed by the following lists of side effects. You may not experience any of them.

See the information below and, if you need to, ask your doctor or nurse if you have any further questions about side effects.

### Side effects

| Side effects                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | What to do                                                                                |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>rash, itching or hives on the skin</li><li>swelling of the face, lips, tongue, throat, or other parts of the body (possible signs of a reaction called angioedema)</li><li>shortness of breath, wheezing or troubled breathing</li><li>headache</li><li>nausea (feeling sick) or vomiting</li><li>feeling drowsy and lethargic</li><li>pain in the abdomen that is different from labour pains</li><li>dizziness, light headedness or faintness</li><li>flushing of the face</li><li>chest pain</li><li>fast, slow or irregular heartbeat</li><li>excessive or continuous contractions</li><li>abnormal clotting or bleeding</li><li>low level of salt in the blood (shown in a blood test)</li></ul> <p>The above symptoms may be signs of allergy or signs of too much fluid associated with high doses or long infusions.</p> | <b>Tell your doctor or nurse immediately if you notice any of the following symptoms:</b> |

**Tell your doctor or nurse if you notice anything else that may be making you feel unwell.**

Other side effects not listed here may occur in some people.

### Reporting side effects

After you have received medical advice for any side effects you experience, you can report side effects to the Therapeutic Goods Administration online at [www.tga.gov.au/reporting-problems](http://www.tga.gov.au/reporting-problems). By reporting side effects, you can help provide more information on the safety of this medicine.

## 6. Product details

This medicine is only available with a doctor's prescription.

VIATOCINON will be stored in the pharmacy or on the hospital ward at 2 to 8°C in the refrigerator and will be protected from light.

### What VIATOCINON contains

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|-------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Active ingredient (main ingredient)</b>      | Each ampoule contains 10 International Units (IU) of oxytocin.                               |
| <b>Other ingredients (inactive ingredients)</b> | sodium acetate trihydrate<br>glacial acetic acid<br>sodium hydroxide<br>water for injections |
| <b>Potential allergens</b>                      | N/A                                                                                          |

**Do not take this medicine if you are allergic to any of these ingredients.**

### What VIATOCINON looks like

VIATOCINON is a solution for injection which is a clear colourless solution contained in a clear glass ampoule. There are 5 ampoules per pack. (AUST R 164131)

### Who distributes VIATOCINON

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