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Both vasopressin and oxytocin are octapeptides that are stored in the posterior pituitary. These two hormones only differ by two amino acids. The differing amino acid residues allow these hormones to interact with different receptors so that their actions are completely different. Vasopressin functions to maintain water balance by acting on cells of the distal kidney but, in addition, has other actions. The basic science of vasopressin derivation and actions is presented in this volume in addition to clinical aspects making this book of interest to endocrinologists, biochemists, neurochemists and researchers.

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