

vial noun

vi·al 'vī(-ə)l 

: a small closed or closable vessel especially for liquids

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Intravenous drugs are typically stored in **vials** until needed, at which point they're transferred to hypodermic needles.

— *New Atlas*, 22 Oct. 2024

Instead of its traditional injection pen products that cost more than \$1,000 for a month's supply, this product comes in **vials** that patients draw up and inject themselves.

— C. Michael White / The Conversation, *Quartz*, 21 Oct. 2024

Flashback: During the pandemic, clinics wasted millions of COVID-19 vaccine doses because they were packaged in multi-dose **vials** that providers couldn't use up.

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Etymology

Middle English *firole*, *viole*, from Anglo-French, from Late Latin *fiola*, alteration of Latin *phiala* — more at [PHIAL](#)

First Known Use

14th century, in the meaning defined [above](#)

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