

Biosimilar medications



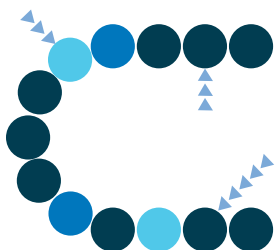
What are biosimilars?

Biosimilars are FDA-approved medicines that are extremely similar to existing biologic medicines, which serve as the reference medicine. They're not generics, which are exact copies made through a chemical process. Instead, they are made from living cells, just like the biologic medicines to which they are similar.

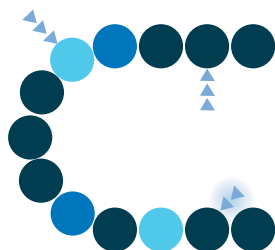
Why choose biosimilars over brand name?

Biosimilars are just as effective and safe as their brand name counterparts and are less expensive. Patients have been using biologic medicines for decades. In just the last five years, some of the medicines began to lose patent protection. This allowed other companies to make biosimilars that improve availability and affordability for patients.

Molecular Structure



Reference medicine



Biosimilar medicine

Is there a biosimilar available to treat my condition?

There are biosimilar treatment options for many illnesses such as chronic skin and bowel diseases (like psoriasis, Crohn's disease, and ulcerative colitis), arthritis, kidney conditions, and cancer.

If I choose a biosimilar medicine, what can I expect?

- You can take the medicine in the same way and in the same dosage.
- You can expect it to work the same way as the brand name medicine.
- You may have reduced out-of-pocket costs because biosimilars are often less expensive.

How are their safety and effectiveness measured?

Biosimilars must meet strict standards to gain FDA approval. When compared to their reference product, biosimilars must:

- Scientifically show safety and effectiveness
- Show no clinically meaningful differences
- Work in the same way in the body
- Be given in the same way and have the same dosage

