

BIOSIMILARS are biologic medicines that may provide more treatment options for people with serious or chronic illnesses.¹



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ANSWERS TO YOUR QUESTIONS ABOUT BIOSIMILARS

Your healthcare provider has decided that treatment with a biosimilar medicine is right for you. You may have questions about biosimilars, including what they are, how they work, and how safe they are.

You can find these and more answers to your questions about biosimilars at bit.ly/BioPatient or scan the QR code above with your mobile device.

WHAT ARE BIOSIMILARS?

Biosimilars are safe and effective biologic medicines.¹ They are made from living organisms, such as bacteria or yeast, or plant or animal cells. They are developed to be highly similar to, and have no clinically meaningful differences from, an original biologic medicine that is approved to treat a disease or medical condition.²

A biosimilar is³

- Made to work in the same way as the original biologic
- Given the same way and at the same dose
- As safe and effective as the original biologic

ARE BIOSIMILARS AS SAFE AND EFFECTIVE AS THE ORIGINAL BIOLOGICS?

YES.

Biosimilars are as safe and effective as the original biologics for the medical conditions they have been approved to treat. They have the same treatment benefits and possible side effects as the original biologic medicines approved to treat the same conditions.³ Biosimilars may be approved for some or all of the same conditions as the original biologic medicines.⁴

IS A BIOSIMILAR GIVEN THE SAME WAY AS THE ORIGINAL BIOLOGIC?

YES.

- If your biologic treatment is given through an intravenous (IV) infusion at a doctor's office, hospital, or infusion center, you will receive your biosimilar the same way.³
- If you self-inject your biologic treatment at home, you will still give yourself an injection, but you may be switched to a different type of injector device.³
- A biosimilar will also follow the same treatment schedule as the original biologic.³

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