

Biosimilar Basics

Biosimilars are safe and effective biologic medications for treating many illnesses such as chronic skin and bowel diseases, arthritis, kidney conditions and cancer.



Biologic medications are generally made from **natural sources** and developed using advanced science.

Biosimilars are **FDA-approved** medications that are compared to another medication — the original biologic.



Biosimilar & Original Biologic

- ✓ Same benefits
- ✓ Same potential side effects
- ✓ Same strength and dosage
- ✓ Given the same way

Biosimilars are made with the same types of natural sources as the original biologic they were compared to — and **provide the same treatment benefits.**

Biosimilars may provide patients with **more access** to important treatments.

More options



More competition in the health care market



Lower costs



Biosimilars are approved by FDA after a **careful review** of data, studies, and tests.



FDA monitors the **safety** and **effectiveness** of all medications after their approval.

Check for medication quality during production



Review patient safety reports



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and talk with your doctor to learn more.

