

## Biosimilars

Biosimilars are drugs that are “highly similar” to another biologic drug already approved by the U.S. Food & Drug Administration (FDA) and are just as safe and effective. Biosimilars are currently used to treat many conditions and diseases. They are used as supportive care to manage side effects from cancer treatment.

Biosimilars to trastuzumab (Herceptin®) have been FDA-approved for breast cancer treatment. Trastuzumab is used to treat HER2-positive breast cancer.

The questions below may help you talk openly with your doctor about biosimilars.

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Q: What is a biosimilar?

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Q: What’s your experience with biosimilars?

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Q: Is there a biosimilar to treat my cancer?

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Q: How would I know if I’m getting a biosimilar?

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Q: How are biosimilars tested for safety and effectiveness?

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Q: What are the costs for the biosimilar I would take?

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Q: Who will make the decision about whether I get a biosimilar or the original drug?

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Q: Will using a biosimilar have any impact on my treatment or outcomes?

A:

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Q: What concerns should I report to you?

A:



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