

Biosimilars

Biosimilars are drugs that are “highly similar” to another biologic drug already approved by the Federal Drug Administration (FDA) and are just as safe and effective. Biologics are currently used to treat many conditions and diseases.

The biologic trastuzumab (more commonly known as Herceptin[®]) is used to treat HER2-positive breast cancer. There are a few trastuzumab biosimilars coming soon which may become treatment options to the original trastuzumab.

The questions below may help you talk openly with your doctor about biosimilars if they are a treatment option for you.

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 available 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?

A:

Q: Are there any cost savings to me for getting a biosimilar?

A:

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

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

A:

Q: What concerns should I report to you?

A:



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