**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. 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 biosimilars coming soon which may become treatment options to the original Herceptin®.

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

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**Q:** What is a biosimilar?
**A:**

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**Q:** What’s your experience with biosimilars?
**A:**

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**Q:** Is there a biosimilar available to treat my cancer?
**A:**

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

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Q: How are biosimilars tested for safety and effectiveness?  
A:

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

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

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

Q: What concerns should I report to you?  
A: