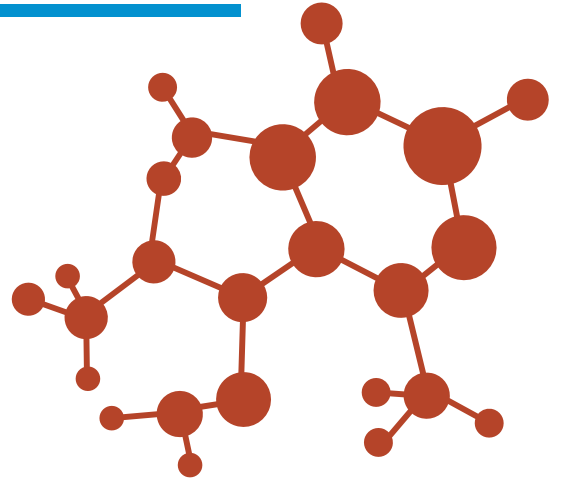
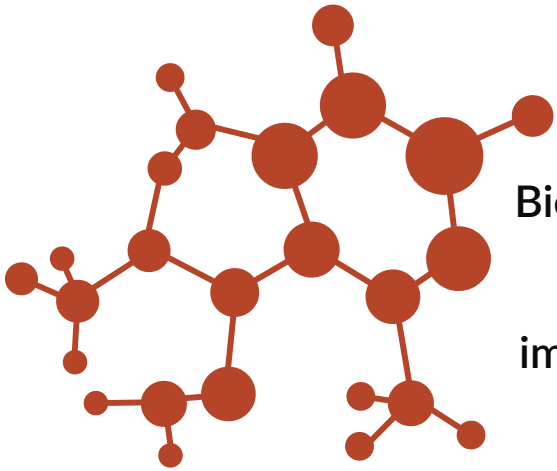




# What are biosimilars?

## Biologics

Some complex diseases are treated with medicines called biologic medicines. Biologics are made from living cells that target the immune system.



## Biosimilars

Biosimilar medicines are somewhat like the 'generic' version of the brand name biologic medicine. However, because biologics are so complex, it is impossible to make the medicines exactly the same. Biosimilars target the same component of the immune system as the originator biologic.

## Safe & Effective

Studies have found biosimilars have the same efficacy as the brand name biologic and similar side effects. In fact, the FDA would NOT approve biosimilars if this were not the case.



## You can expect the...

- ✓ *Same method of administration*
- ✓ *Same dosage*
- ✓ *Same strength*

*Originator Biologic*

*Biosimilars*



## Switching & Cost Savings

Insurances may request that patients switch between an originator biologic and biosimilar because of the cost savings.

Biosimilars are driving down the cost of medications and can be 15% to 50% less expensive than a brand name biologic. This saves you and the insurance company money. Discuss switching with your provider for more information.

