

QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR DOCTOR

Biosimilars

Biosimilars are drugs that are highly similar to a biologic drug already approved by the U.S. Food & Drug Administration (FDA) and are just as safe and effective. Biosimilars are used to treat many conditions and diseases. Trastuzumab (Herceptin®) is used to treat HER2-positive breast cancer. There are FDA-approved biosimilars to trastuzumab.

You may feel overwhelmed or unsure of what to ask your doctor. Here are some questions to help start the conversation about biosimilars.

Q: A:	What is a biosimilar?
Q: A:	How are biosimilars tested for safety and effectiveness?
Q: A:	Do biosimilars work in the same way as the original biologic drug?
Q: A:	Who will make the decision about whether I get a biosimilar or the original drug?
Q:	Will I be getting a biosimilar as part of my treatment?

Q: A:	How will the biosimilar be given?
Q: A:	What side effects should I report to you?
Q: A:	Is there a cost savings for the biosimilar compared to the original biologic?
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