



Biosimilar Overview - Humira

What is a Biosimilar?

A biosimilar is a medication designed to work the same way as Humira (adalimumab) but may be more affordable. The FDA has approved 10 Humira biosimilars, all proven to be just as safe and effective.

What is a Humira Biosimilar used for?

- It is used to treat some types of **arthritis**.
- It is used to treat **Crohn's disease**.
- It is used to treat **ankylosing spondylitis**.
- It is used to treat **plaque psoriasis**.
- It is used to treat **ulcerative colitis**.
- It is used to treat a skin problem called **hidradenitis suppurativa**.
- It is used to treat **uveitis**.

It may be given to you for other reasons, as directed by your doctor.

Why Switch to a Biosimilar?

- **Same Effectiveness:** All biosimilars work the same way as Humira, with **no** difference in treatment results.
- **Same Safety Profile:** Meets the same FDA standards for safety and effectiveness.
- **More Affordable:** Biosimilars cost less, which may help reduce out-of-pocket expenses and improve access to medication.
- **Same Injection Method:** Biosimilars are given the exact same way as Humira.

What to Expect When Switching to a Biosimilar

- Your healthcare provider will guide you in transitioning smoothly.
- You will use the same type of injection as Humira.
- Your doctor will monitor your response to ensure it is equally effective.
- There may be slight differences in packaging and appearance, but the medication works the same.

Common Questions & Concerns

- **Will it work the same?** Yes, it has been tested and approved to work the same as Humira.
- **Will my insurance cover it?** Many insurance plans cover biosimilars, often at a lower cost.
- **Will I need a new prescription?** Yes, but your doctor will handle this process for you.
- **Is it safe to switch?** Yes, biosimilars undergo strict testing to ensure they are as safe and effective as Humira.

Questions?

If you have questions or concerns about switching to a biosimilar, discuss them with your healthcare provider. They can provide personalized guidance to ensure you receive the best treatment for your condition.

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