

The Role of Biosimilar Medications in Clinical Practice

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Identity Crisis



"Well, you certainly walk like a duck and quack like a duck."

Objectives

- Define what biosimilar medications are
- Compare and contrast different manufacturing techniques between parent drug, generic, and biosimilar medications
- Outline strategies for prescribers and patients regarding biosimilar medications
- Identify future biosimilar medications

What is a Biosimilar?

- A biosimilar is a follow-on biologic that meets **extremely high standards for comparability** to an originator biologic drug and has no clinically meaningful differences in safety, purity, and potency.

What is a Biosimilar?

- Biosimilars must be shown to be of a “similar nature in terms of quality, safety, and efficacy” compared with the innovator.
- Biosimilars are NOT generics
 - Different licensing procedure
 - Different requirements of proof of worthiness
- Biosimilars were produced to be price competitive with original compound, but yet maintain patent

Where Did All of This Come From?



Biologics Price Competition and Innovation Act of 2009

- Signed into law on Mar. 23, 2010
- Created the 351(k) or “biosimilar” pathway
- Granted FDA authority to approve “highly similar” versions of previously approved biologics
- “Abbreviated” process
- Biosimilars must demonstrate safety, purity and potency
- Biosimilar approvals cannot be granted until 12 years after reference (brand) drug is approved (can be filed in 4 yrs)
- Must only have same FDA indications as brand product

H. R. 3590—686

(3) TITLE XI.—Title XI of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1301 et seq.) is amended—
(A) in section 1128(h)(3)—
(i) by inserting “subtitle 1 of” before “title XX”;
and
(ii) by striking “such title” and inserting “such subtitle”; and
(B) in section 1128A(i)(1), by inserting “subtitle 1 of” before “title XX”.

Subtitle I—Sense of the Senate Regarding Medical Malpractice

SEC. 6801. SENSE OF THE SENATE REGARDING MEDICAL MALPRACTICE.

It is the sense of the Senate that—

(1) health care reform presents an opportunity to address issues related to medical malpractice and medical liability insurance;

(2) States should be encouraged to develop and test alternatives to the existing civil litigation system as a way of improving patient safety, reducing medical errors, encouraging the efficient resolution of disputes, increasing the availability of prompt and fair resolution of disputes, and improving access to liability insurance, while preserving an individual's right to seek redress in court; and

(3) Congress should consider establishing a State demonstration program to evaluate alternatives to the existing civil litigation system with respect to the resolution of medical malpractice claims.

TITLE VII—IMPROVING ACCESS TO INNOVATIVE MEDICAL THERAPIES

Subtitle A—Biologics Price Competition and Innovation

SEC. 7001. SHORT TITLE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—This subtitle may be cited as the “Biologics Price Competition and Innovation Act of 2009”.

(b) SENSE OF THE SENATE.—It is the sense of the Senate that a biosimilars pathway balancing innovation and consumer interests should be established.

SEC. 7002. APPROVAL PATHWAY FOR BIOSIMILAR BIOLOGICAL PRODUCTS.

(a) LICENSURE OF BIOLOGICAL PRODUCTS AS BIOSIMILAR OR INTERCHANGEABLE.—Section 351 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 262) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)(1)(A), by inserting “under this subsection or subsection (k)” after “biologics license”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

FDA Goals

- These goals include targets for FDA to review 70% of applications for biosimilars within 10 months of receipt in fiscal years 2013 and 2014, 80% in fiscal year 2015, 85% in fiscal year 2016 and 90% in fiscal year 2017

Approval Process

Approval Pathways (Biologics)

| Product type | Application type | Application pathway | Clinical studies | Application requirements |
|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|---------------------|------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| Biologic (Public Health Service Act) | Biologics License Application (BLA) | 351(a) | Yes | Full evaluation of purity, safety and potency |
| | Biosimilar Application (established 2010) | 351(k) | Yes | Yes, but abbreviated process (one clinical trial) |

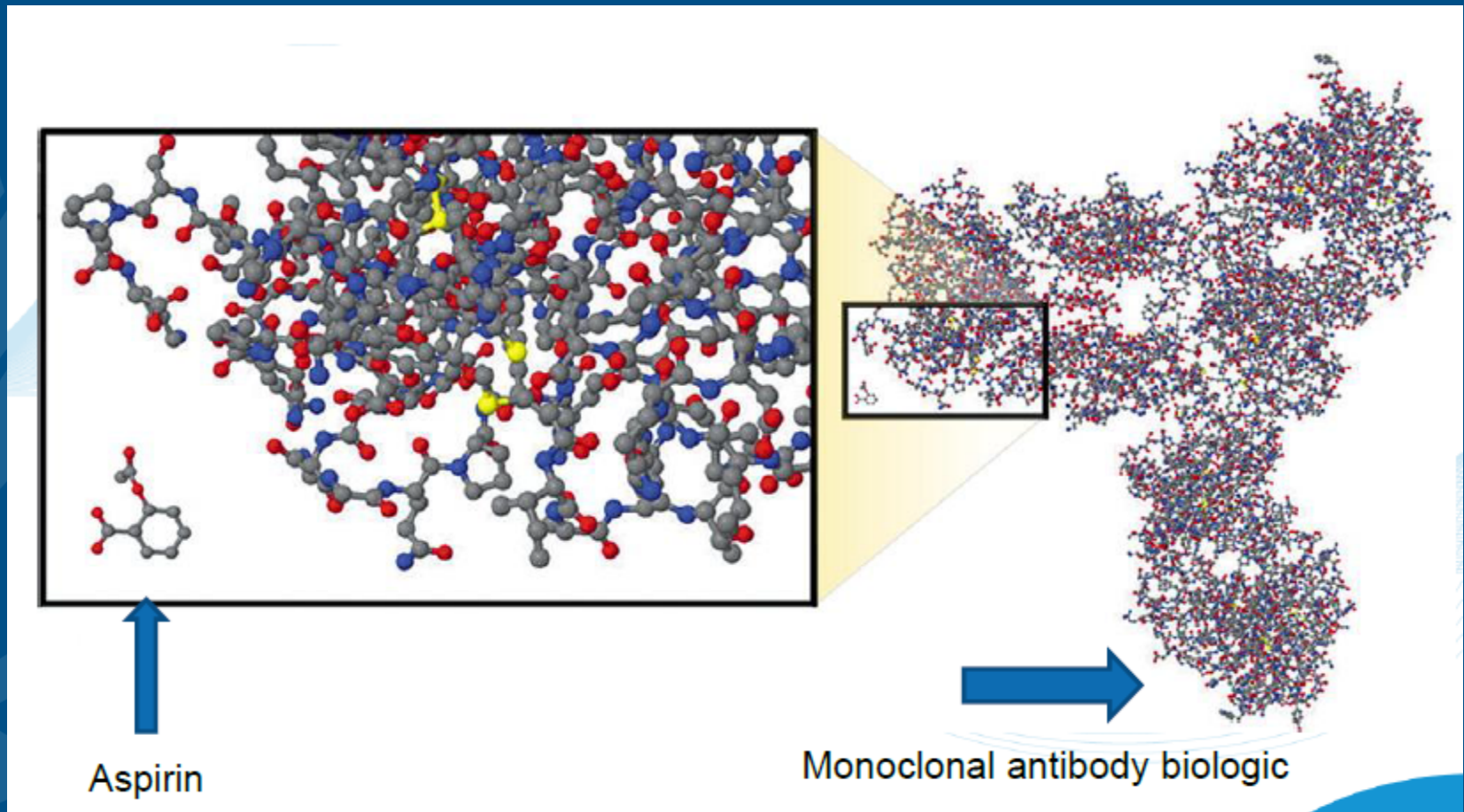
What Areas of Therapy are Biosimilars Impacting?

- Rheumatoid arthritis
- Cancer
- Multiple sclerosis
- Anemia
- Psoriasis
- Inflammatory bowel disease

First You Have to Know What Biological Medications Are

- Biological products, or biologics, are medical products.
- Biological products could be made of sugars, proteins, or nucleic acids or complex combinations of these substances, or may be living entities such as cells and tissues.
- Like drugs, biological products are used to either:
 - treat or cure diseases and medical conditions,
 - prevent diseases, or
 - diagnose diseases
- Biological products are made from a variety of natural sources.

Biosimilars Replicate Large, Complex Biological Medications

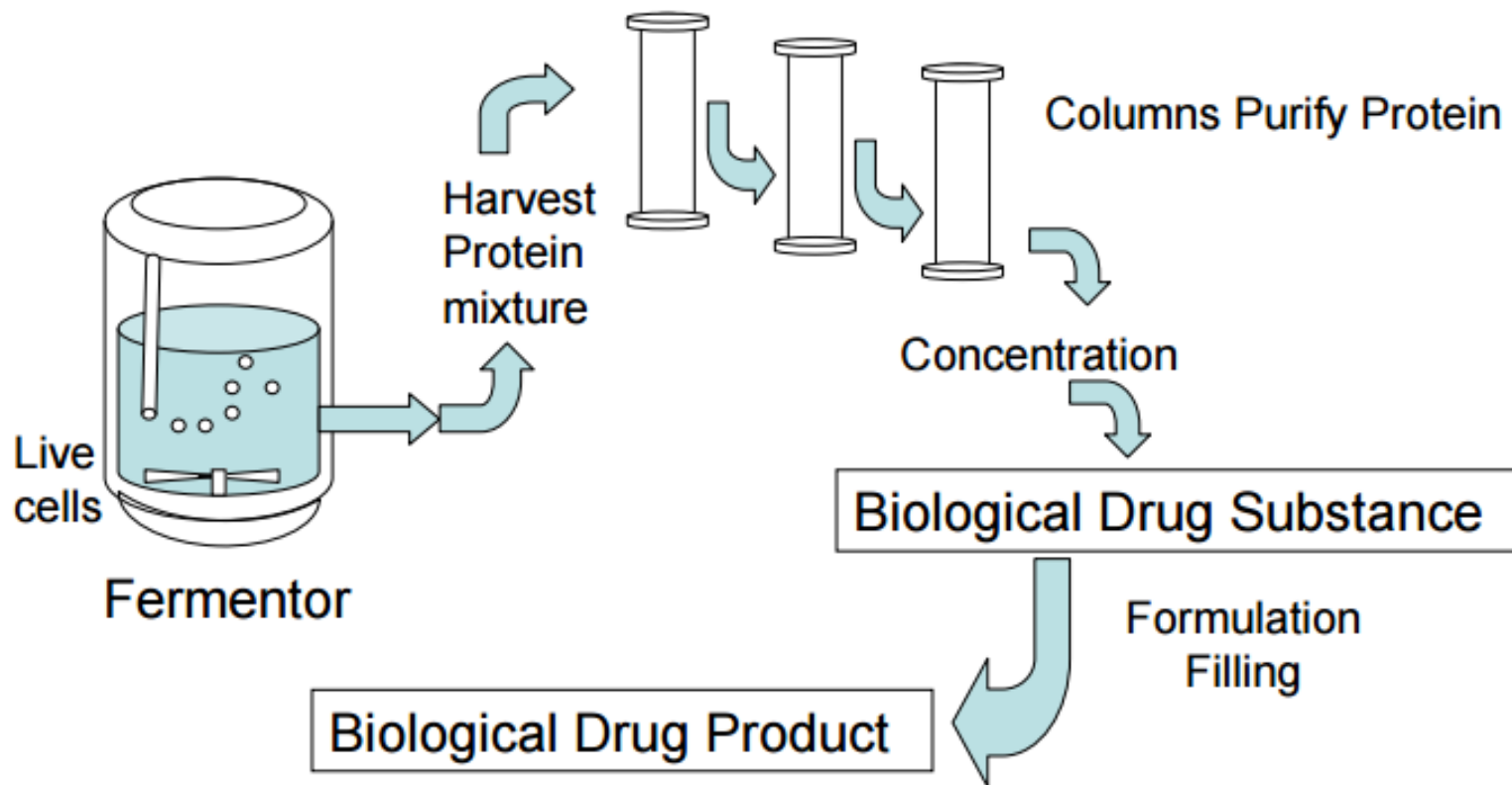


Biological Medication Manufacturing



First You Have to Know What Biological Medications Are

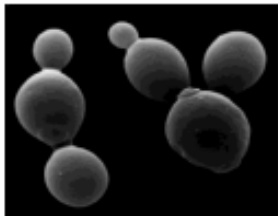
Example of a Biotechnology Process



First You Have to Know What Biological Medications Are



Mammalian cell-culture



Bacteria



Insect cell-culture

Source Materials



Humans



Avian cell-culture



Mice



Transgenics



Plant cell-culture

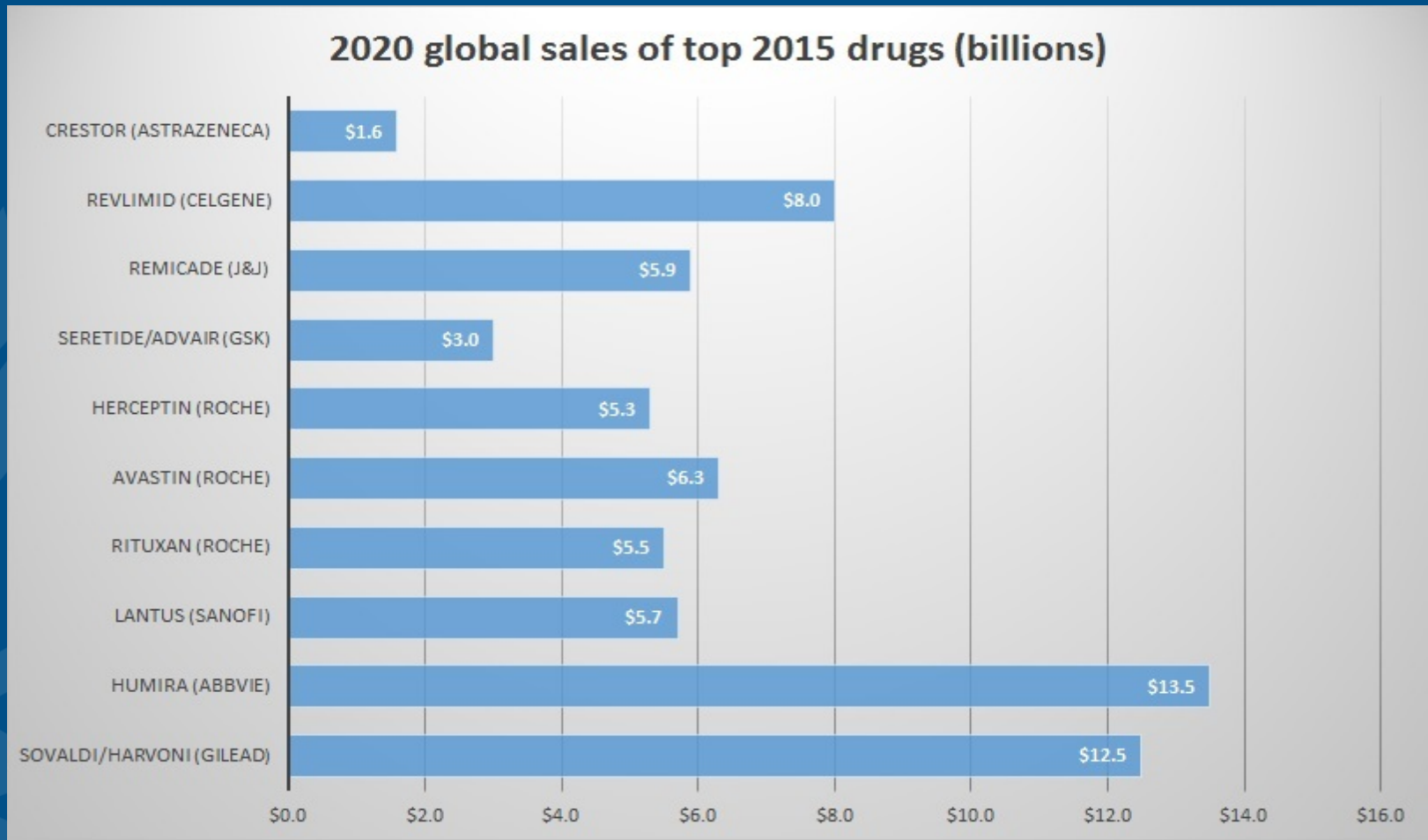


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Biologics Facts

- ✓ Account for <1% of all prescriptions
- ✓ Constitute 28% of prescription drug spending
- ✓ Will increase in production by 20% rate per year
- ✓ By 2025, more than 70% of new drug approvals will be biologics

Biological Medications Among Top Projected Sales



Why The Need for Biosimilars Anyway?

- High cost of R&D leads to high cost to patients
- Many patients subsidized by federal and state programs (taxpayers pay)
- Incentive for price control in the marketplace BEFORE patents expire

Generics Vs. Biosimilars

| Key Attributes | Generics | Biosimilars |
|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Molecular Complexity/ Manufacturing | Simple Products via Chemical Means, Made EXACT Same Way as Brand | Highly Complex Products by Living Cells, May Vary in Purification from Brand |
| Immunogenicity | None | YES |
| Approval | None, just show bioequivalence | YES, Must Conduct at Least 1 Clinical Trial for toxicity, immunogenicity, PK, analytical studies |
| Same Generic Name | YES | NO, May Have Different |
| Indications | Same as Brand | May Not Have Same as Brand |
| Interchangeability | YES | Not Automatically |
| Price Discounts | 50%-90% of Brand | 15%-30% of Brand |
| Role of Originator | None | Prominent |

Where Did it Begin?





Europe's Action

- European Union introduced biosimilar legislation in 2004
- • Approval process managed by European Medicines Agency (EMA)
- • Product specific class guidance documents available for:
 - Insulin
 - Human growth hormone
 - G-CSFs
 - Erythropoietins
 - Interferons
 - Low molecular weight heparins
 - Monoclonal antibodies
- • Two applications for biosimilar infliximab filed with EMA



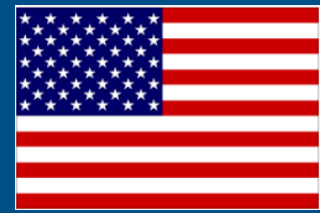
European Biosimilars

| Biosimilar Trade Name | Marketer | Active Substance | Reference Drug | Year of Approval | | | | | |
|-----------------------|----------|------------------|----------------|------------------|--------------------|------------|------------|----------|------|
| Epoetins | | | | | Filgrastims | | | | |
| Abseamed | Medice | epoetin alfa | Eporex/Erypo | 2007 | Accofil | Accord | filgrastim | Neupogen | 2014 |
| Binocrit | Sandoz | epoetin alfa | Eporex/Erypo | 2007 | Biograstim | AbZ-Pharma | filgrastim | Neupogen | 2008 |
| Epoetin Alfa Hexal | Hexal | epoetin alfa | Eporex/Erypo | 2007 | Filgrastim Hexal | Hexal | filgrastim | Neupogen | 2009 |
| Retacrit (2) | Hospira | epoetin zeta | Eporex/Erypo | 2007 | Grastofil | Apotex | filgrastim | Neupogen | 2013 |
| Silapo | Stada | epoetin zeta | Eporex/Erypo | 2007 | Nivestim | Hospira | filgrastim | Neupogen | 2010 |
| | | | | | Ratiograstim | Ratiopharm | filgrastim | Neupogen | 2008 |
| | | | | | Tevagrastim | Teva | filgrastim | Neupogen | 2008 |
| | | | | | Zarzio (3) | Sandoz | filgrastim | Neupogen | 2009 |



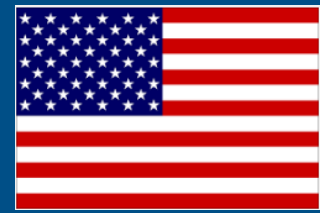
European Biosimilars

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|------------------------------|-----------|------------------|------------|------|
| Growth Hormones | | | | |
| Omnitrope (4) | Sandoz | somatropin | Genotropin | 2006 |
| Insulins | | | | |
| Abasaglar (5) | Eli Lilly | insulin glargine | Lantus | 2014 |
| Monoclonal Antibodies | | | | |
| Inflectra | Hospira | infliximab | Remicade | 2013 |
| Remsima | Celltrion | infliximab | Remicade | 2013 |



Biosimilars in the U.S.

- Only one true biosimilar is available in the U.S. – ZARXIO (filgrastim-SNDZ), made by Sandoz
- Granix (TBO-filgrastim) was not filed under the same pathway as the biosimilar pathway
- Both compete with filgrastim (Neupogen)

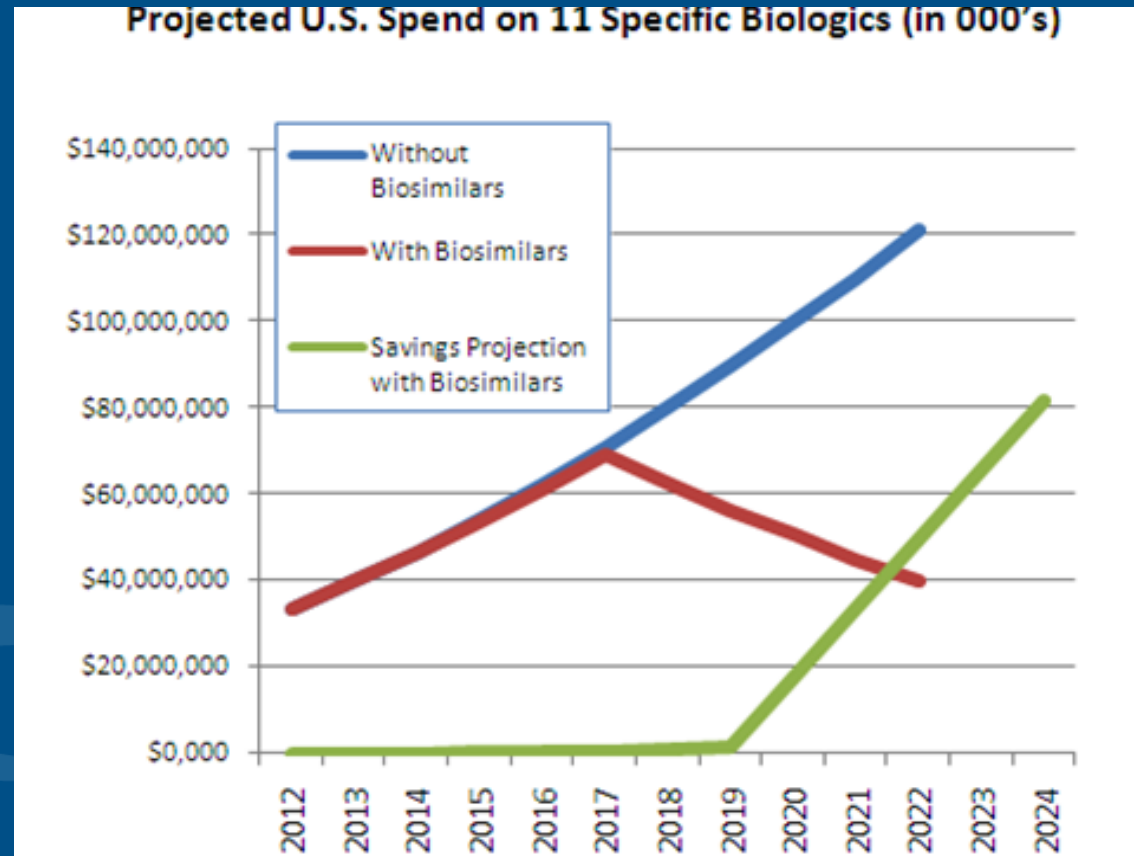


Biosimilars in the U.S.

| Biosimilar | Approved? | Available? |
|-------------------------------------------------|-----------|------------|
| Zarxio (filgrastim-sdz) <i>Neupogen*</i> | Yes | Yes |
| Inflectra (infliximab-dyyb) <i>Remicade*</i> | Yes | No |
| Erelzi (etanercept) <i>Embrel*</i> | Yes | No |
| Amjevita (adalimumab-atto) <i>Humira*</i> | Yes | No |

Expected Savings With Biosimilars

- Projected Savings per Express Scripts
 - 250 Billion in Projected Savings from just 11 biosimilars



Legislature



1. **Nearly a dozen makers of biosimilars**---including leading manufacturers like **Hospira/Pfizer, Samsung, and Sandoz**---have collectively formed the **Biosimilars Forum**, a nonprofit group that will lobby for how biosimilars are used in the United States.
2. This development comes as the FDA has a number of biosimilars currently under consideration.

Palmer E. Biosimilar manufacturers form group to influence market in U.S. May 7, 2015: *Fierce Pharma Marketing*. Available at <http://www.fiercepharmamanufacturing.com/story/biosimilar-manufacturers-form-group-influence-market-us/2015-05-07>. Accessed October 5, 2015.

By 2019.....

PHARMACY FORECAST 2015-2019

STRATEGIC PLANNING ADVICE
FOR PHARMACY DEPARTMENTS IN HOSPITALS AND HEALTH SYSTEMS



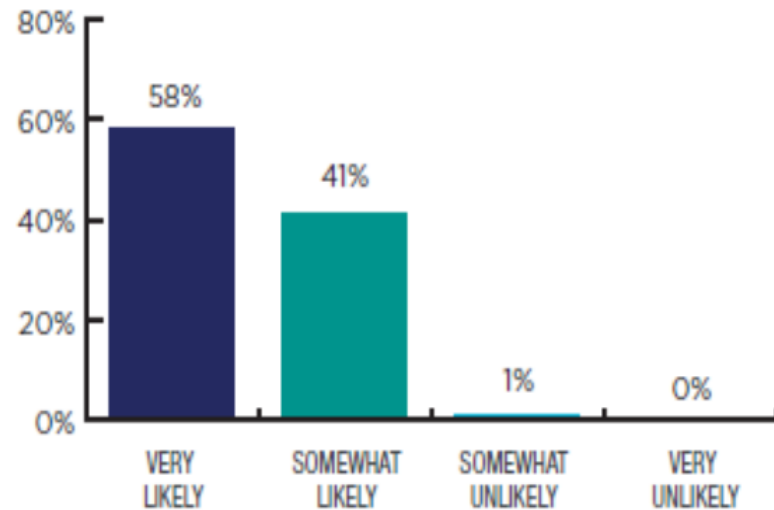
A trends report from the Center for Health-System Pharmacy Leadership, ASHP Research and Education Foundation

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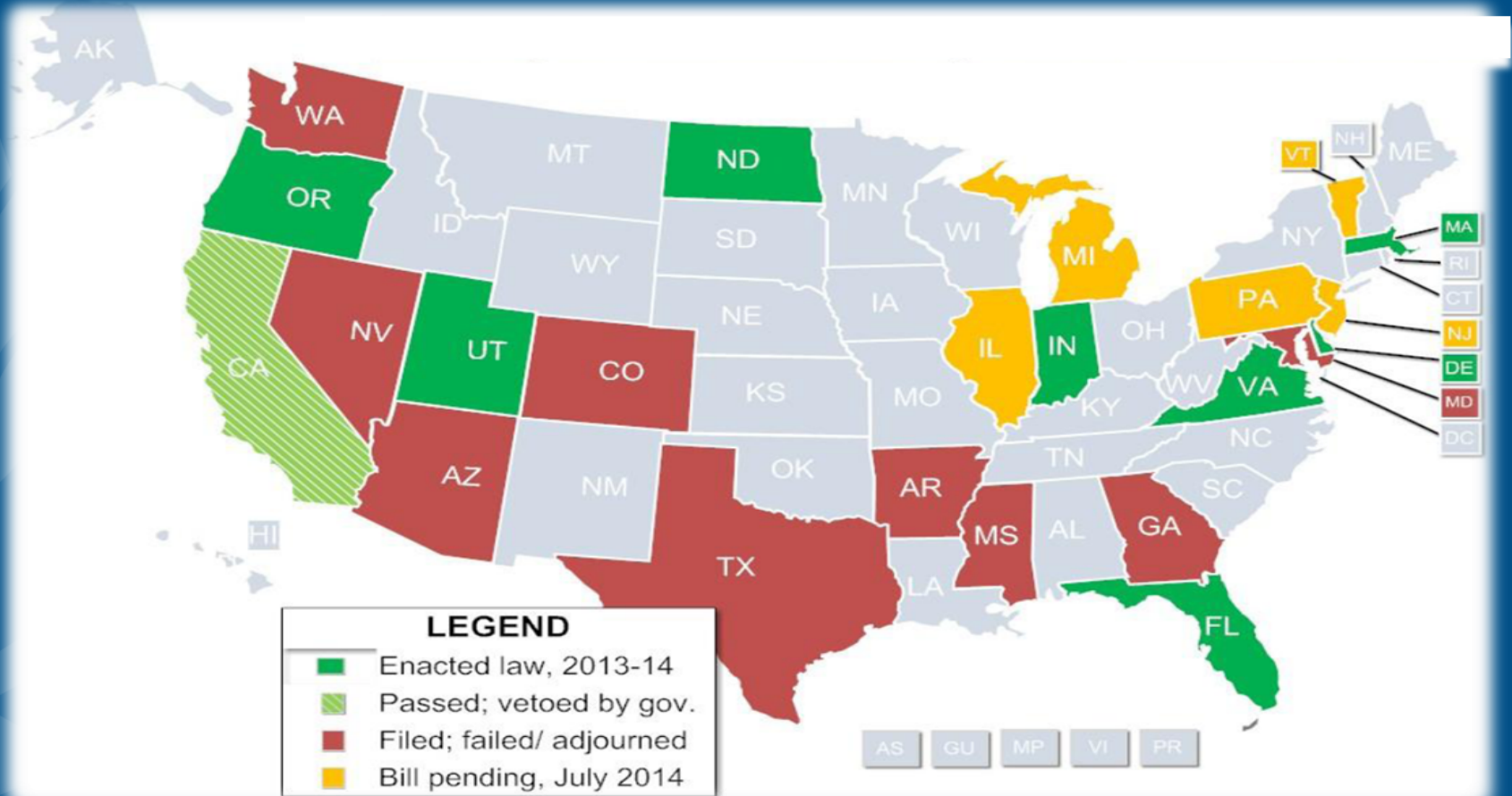


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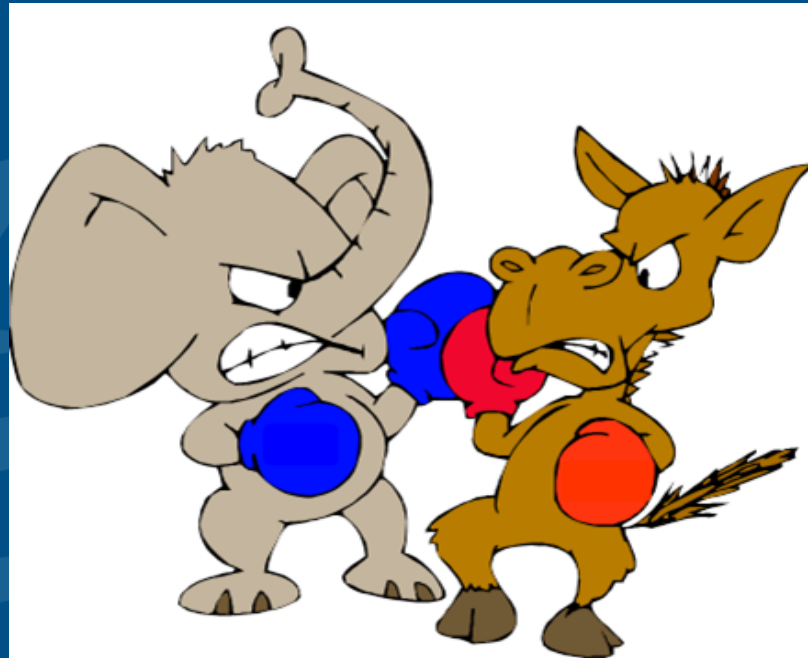
At least 50% of health systems will have implemented a process for adding biosimilars to their formularies and for monitoring their utilization.



Interpreting State Legislation Related to Biologics and Biosimilar Substitution

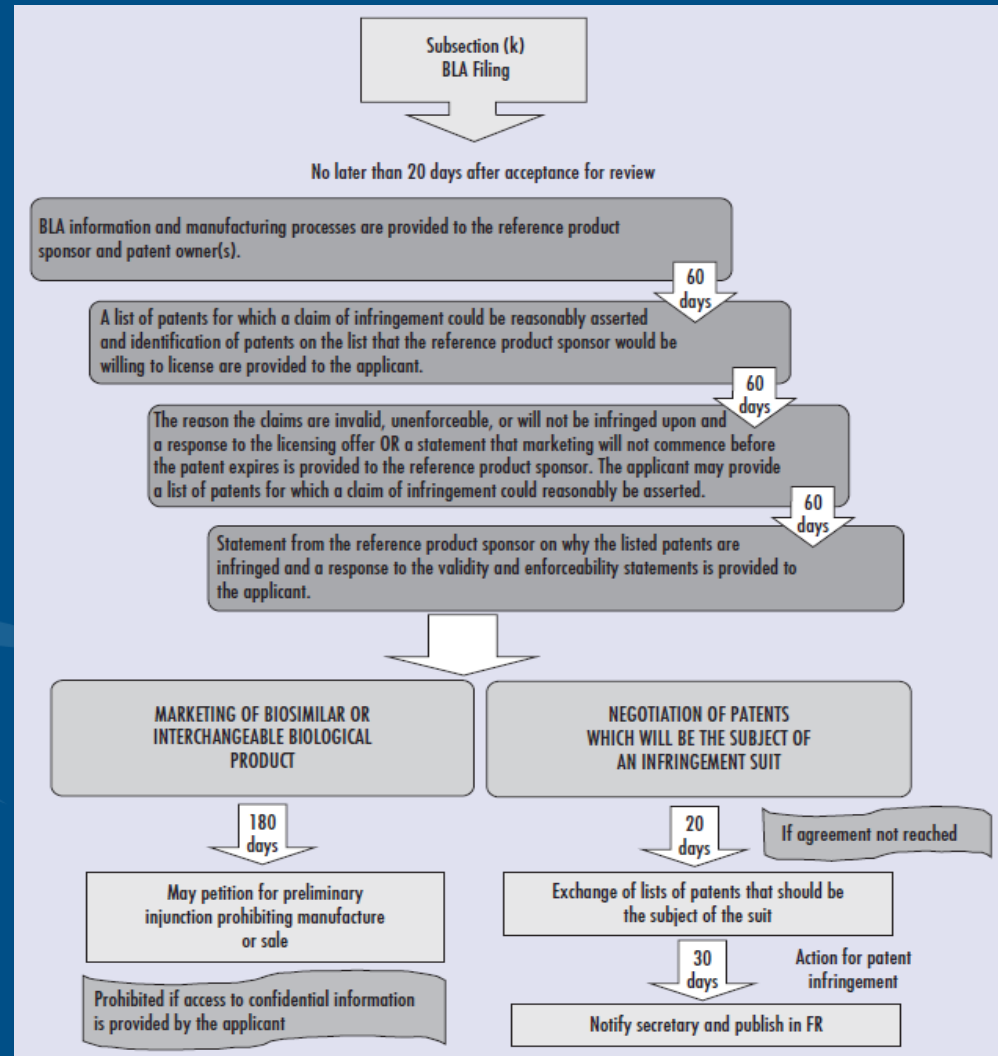


It's a Fight to the End!



Litigation

Within 20 days of FDA accepting a biosimilar application for review, access to BLA information and manufacturing processes must be provided to the reference product sponsor and patent owner.



Litigation

- Current Lawsuits:

MYLAN FILES AMICUS BRIEF IN SUPPORT OF CERTIORARI IN AMGEN V. APOTEX

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JANSSEN V. CELLTRION: JANSSEN APPEALS JUDGMENT INVALIDATING THE '471 PATENT

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Litigation

AMGEN V. HOSPIRA (EPOETIN ALFA): DISTRICT COURT LETS IN NEW INFRINGEMENT THEORIES, NOT NEW DEFENDANTS

October 14, 2016 • Posted by [Big Molecule Watch](#)

[Amgen v. Hospira \(epoetin alfa\)](#) • [U.S. Biosimilar Litigation News](#) • [U.S. District Court Decisions](#)

LITIGATION UPDATE IN *ABBVIE V. AMGEN*: ABBVIE'S ANSWER FILED IN RESPONSE TO AMGEN'S COUNTERCLAIMS

October 12, 2016 • Posted by [Big Molecule Watch](#)

[AbbVie v. Amgen \(adalimumab\)](#) • [U.S. Biosimilar Litigation News](#)

Litigation

SANOFI SUES MERCK OVER PROPOSED INSULIN GLARGINE BIOSIMILAR

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[U.S. Biosimilar Litigation News](#)

Formulary Management: Key Questions

- Will the biosimilar product be endorsed only for labeled indications or for off-label indications as well?
- What is the existing level of adverse events with the originator product?
 - How will you ensure appropriate pharmacovigilance with the biosimilar?

Formulary Management: Key Questions

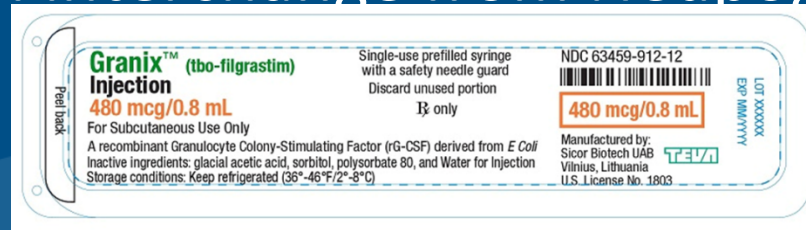
- What was the approval history of the biosimilar?
- What information is available concerning the clinical efficacy and safety of the biosimilar?
 - E.g., FDA review document, published trials, European data, expert organization guidelines

BRRH Approach

- Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee had to evaluate the following regarding biosimilars:
 - Clinical trials
 - Safety
 - Interchangeability
 - Cost
 - Reimbursement

BRRH Approach

- Tbo-filgrastim (Granix) was approved after a full drug review with interchange from Neupogen in late 2013



- Biosimilars presented at Pharmacy & Therapeutics Committee in March of 2015, approved all biosimilars as interchanged, approved by Medical Staff

BRRH Approach

- Vizient (contracting) sent out bids for Granix, Neupogen, and newly biosimilar drug Zarxio for award
- Award granted to Sandoz, maker of Zarxio
- BRRH implemented interchange of Granix and Neupogen to Zarxio (Zarxio only option in CPOE) in July of 2016



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Where are the Other Biosimilars?

Projected US Patent Expiration Dates

| Brand Name | Potential Biosimilar Entry |
|----------------|----------------------------|
| Neupogen | 2013 |
| Epogen/Procrit | 2014 |
| Neulasta | 2015 |
| Synagis | 2015 |
| Rituxan | 2016 |
| Erbitux | 2016 |
| Humira | 2016 |
| Remicade | 2018 |
| Herceptin | 2019 |
| Avastin | 2019 |
| Aranesp | 2024 |
| Enbrel | 2028 |

Ino. Confidential Information.

The Pink Sheet, Pending Biosimilar FDA Performance Tracker, accessed September 24, 2015; *The Pink Sheet*, "Biosimilar Application Reviews May Be Growing More Challenging," September 28, 2015

The Future.....

Table 1. Selected Biosimilars Under Investigation

| Reference Product (Brand, Manufacturer) | Est. Patent Expiration (U.S.) | Indication | Biosimilar | Manufacturer | Published Data |
|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Adalimumab (Humira, AbbVie) | 2022 | RA, psoriatic arthritis, AS, UC, Crohn's disease, psoriasis, HS, JIA | GP2017 PF-06410293 BCD-057 | Sandoz Pfizer Biocad | Phase III trial under way Phase I trial under way Phase III (2017) |
| Bevacizumab (Avastin, Genentech) | 2019 | Colorectal, lung, and renal cancers | BCD-021 PF-06439535 ABP 215 | Biocad Pfizer Amgen | Phase III trial completed Preclinical/phase I trials completed Phase III trials under way |
| Cetuximab (Erbix, Eli Lilly) | Expired (2016) | Colorectal, head and neck cancers | ABP 494 | Amgen | Phase III trial under way |
| Darbepoetin alfa (Aranesp, Amgen) | 2018 | Anemia due to CKD or chemotherapy | BCD-066 | Biocad | Phase III trials under way (2017) |
| Enoxaparin (Lovenox, Sanofi-Aventis) | Expired (2010) | DVT, VTE | BCD-060 | Biocad | Phase III trials under way (2016) |
| Epoetin alfa (Eprex, Amgen) | Expired (2015) | Anemia due to CKD or chemotherapy | HX575 | Sandoz | Phase III trial completed |
| Glatiramer acetate (Copaxone, Teva) | Expired (2014) | Multiple sclerosis | BDC-063 | Biocad | Phase III trials under way (2016) |
| Infliximab (Remicade, Janssen Biotech) | September 2018 | Autoimmune diseases including RA, psoriasis, UC, Crohn's disease | GP 1111 PF-06438179 ABP 710 BCD-055 | Sandoz Pfizer Amgen Biocad | Phase III trial under way Phase III trial under way No data available Phase III (2017) |
| Pegfilgrastim (Neulasta, Amgen) | Expired (October 2015) | Chemotherapy-induced neutropenia | LA-2006 | Sandoz | File accepted by FDA at the end of 2015 |
| Rituximab (Rituxan, Genentech) | September 2016 | Lymphoma | GP2013 BCD-020 PF-05280586 CT-P10 RTXM83 ABP 798 | Sandoz Biocad Pfizer Celltrion mAbience Amgen | Phase II and III trials under way Phase III trials completed Preclinical/phase I trials completed Phase III trials completed Phase III trials completed No data available |
| Trastuzumab (Herceptin, Genentech) | June 2019 | Breast cancer | BCD-022 PF-05280014 ABP 990 CT-P6 | Biocad Pfizer Amgen Celltrion | Successful phase I trials Preclinical/phase I trials completed Phase III trials under way Phase III trials completed |

AS: ankylosing spondylitis; CKD: chronic kidney disease; DVT: deep venous thrombosis; est: estimated; HS: hidradenitis suppurativa; JIA: juvenile idiopathic arthritis; RA: rheumatoid arthritis; UC: ulcerative colitis; VTE: venous thromboembolism. Source: References 17-22.

The Future.....

| Brand Product | FDA Did Not Accept BLA Before..... | FDA Will Not Approve BLA Before..... |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Canakinumab (Ilaris) (Periodic fever symptoms, juvenile idiopathic arthritis) | June 2013 | June 2021 |
| Eculizumab (Soliris) (Atypical hemolytic uremic syndrome, Paroxysmal nocturnal hemoglobinuria) | March 2011 | March 2019 |
| Natalizumab (Tysabri) MS | November 2008 | November 2016 |
| Ranibizumab (Lucentis) (Diabetic retinopathy, Macular diseases) | June 2010 | June 2018 |
| Ustekinumab (Stelara) (Crohn's/Psoriasis) | September 2013 | September 2021 |

Impact on Physicians

- Must know the process and **feel confident** in prescribing biosimilars
- Understand hospital formulary decision making when it comes to biosimilars
- Insurance companies will likely favor biosimilars if there is no generic available
- Hospitals will have in CPOE systems the biosimilar name and not the original brand name

Summary

- Biosimilars are here to stay and be bigger players in the biologics market
- Florida has deemed biosimilars interchangeable
- Physicians will have to understand role biosimilars will play in their practice
- Hospital pharmacies will determine which form of the drug to have, either brand, generic, biosimilar and chose based on:
 - Safety
 - Efficacy
 - Reimbursement



