

Canadian Biosimilar Resources

Explaining biosimilars

Information describing what biosimilars are, how they are approved in Canada, and what diseases they treat, can be found in the following resources:

- ❖ [Health Canada Biosimilars Fact Sheet](#)
- ❖ [Canadian Biosimilars Forum](#)
- ❖ [Canadian Digestive Health Foundation \(CDHF\): Biosimilar Library](#)
- ❖ [Arthritis Society](#)
- ❖ [Arthritis Consumer Experts \(ACE\): Biosim Exchange](#)

Canadian Biosimilar Transition Policies:

Multiple public and private insurance providers have implemented biosimilar transition policies in Canada. Policy details and results from some of these policies are publicly available:

- ❖ [British Columbia Biosimilars Initiative Policy and Data](#)
- ❖ [British Columbia Biosimilars Initiative Health Services Utilization](#)
- ❖ [Alberta Biosimilars Initiative Policy](#)
- ❖ [Albert Biosimilars Initiative Data](#)
- ❖ [New Brunswick Biosimilars Initiative Policy](#)
- ❖ [Pacific Blue Cross Biosimilar Transition Policy](#)
- ❖ [Green Shield Biosimilar Transition Policy](#)

Financial considerations of biosimilars on private drug plans:

Canadian private insurance providers have reported on the financial impact of their biosimilar policies:

- ❖ [Green Shield Biosimilar Transition Policy Saved \\$8,500 per Plan Member Annually](#)
- ❖ [Pacific Blue Cross Saved \\$22 Million for Plan Sponsors and Members with their Biosimilar Transition Policy](#)
- ❖ [Equitable Life: Risk of Not Coordinating with Alberta Public Transition Policy](#)

Patient Tools for Biosimilar Transition

Multiple Canadian resources exist to help patients and physicians discuss transitioning to a biosimilar:

- ❖ [Patient Journey when Transitioning to a Biosimilar Animated Video](#)
- ❖ [ACE Biosimilars Transition Infographic](#)
- ❖ [ACE Biosimilars Education Video: Transitioning to a Biosimilar](#)
- ❖ [ACE Biosimilars Education Video: Helping Patients Manage the Transition](#)
- ❖ [CDHF: Transition Pathway Brochure for IBD Patients](#)
- ❖ [CDHF Video: Transitioning to a Biosimilar](#)