

# **Biosimilar Resources for Health Care Providers**

#### General information:

- o Biosimilar biologic drugs in Canada: Fact Sheet
- o Handbook for healthcare professionals on biosimilar biologic drugs
- o CADTH Biosimilar Drugs (Health Care Provider information)
- MedSask Biosimilar Resources

## • International References:

- o Biosimilars in the EU Information guide for healthcare professionals
- o <u>International Coalition of Medicine Regulatory Authorities (ICMRA) statement about confidence in biosimilar products (for health care providers)</u>
- o Statement on the scientific rationale supporting interchangeability of biosimilar medicines in the EU

# Switching studies:

- o Switching Reference Medicines to Biosimilars: A Systematic Literature Review of Clinical Outcomes
- The Efficacy, Safety, and Immunogenicity of Switching Between Reference Biopharmaceuticals and Biosimilars: A Systematic Review
- o NOR-SWITCH study: non-medical switching for all indications, originator infliximab to biosimilar
- o Rapid monitoring of health services use following a policy to switch patients from originator to biosimilar etanercept—a cohort study in British Columbia

# Provincial Biosimilar Initiatives:

- Alberta Biosimilar Initiative
- o British Columbia Biosimilars Initiative
- o New Brunswick Biosimilars Initiative
- Newfoundland Biosimilar Initiative
- o Nova Scotia Biosimilar Initiative
- o Ontario Biosimilar Initiative
- o Saskatchewan Biosimilars Initiative

## Professional Education

- University of Toronto (delivered through edX platform)
  - Developed by leading researchers, clinicians and people with lived experience from across Canada, these online courses will help patients, caregivers, and health care professionals enrich their knowledge and skills related to biologics, including biosimilars. We have created two streams for these courses with the Audit Stream being offered completely free of charge and the Professional Certificate Stream offered for approximately \$200 (Foundations and Advanced courses). The professional stream is fully accredited by professional accreditation groups for nursing, pharmacy and medicine in Canada.
  - Foundations of Originator and Biosimilar Biologics: for Patients and Caregivers
  - Advanced Knowledge and Skills of Originator and Biosimilar Biologics: For Health Care Providers
  - Professional Certificate Stream