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Originator and Biosimilar Insulins

- Use the same dose (unit to unit) when transitioning from an originator to a corresponding biosimilar (e.g. NovoRapid® to Trurapi®)
- There are no clinical differences in onset, peak, or duration between an originator and the corresponding biosimilar(s)
- There are no expected differences in adverse effects between an originator and the corresponding biosimilar(s)

Drug Class	Insulin Type	Originator	Biosimilar
Rapid-acting	Insulin Aspart	NovoRapid [®] (100 units/mL) FlexTouch[®] prefilled pen Cartridge Vial 	 Trurapi[®] (100 units/mL) Solostar[®] prefilled pen Cartridge Vial** Kirsty[™] (100 units/mL)
			Prefilled pen
	Insulin Lispro	 Humalog[®] (100 units/mL) Kwikpen[®] prefilled pen Cartridge Vial 	Admelog [®] (100 units/mL) Solostar[®] prefilled pen Cartridge Vial
Long-acting	Insulin Glargine	 Lantus[®] (100 units/mL) Solostar[®] prefilled pen Cartridge Vial 	Basaglar [®] (100 units/mL) • Kwikpen [®] prefilled pen • Cartridge Semglee [®] (100 units/mL) • Prefilled pen

Disclaimer: This chart is current as of January 4, 2024. New dosage formats or future biosimilars may be added as they become available.

** Trurapi[®] 10 mL vial is available, but not yet listed on PEI Pharmacare formulary

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