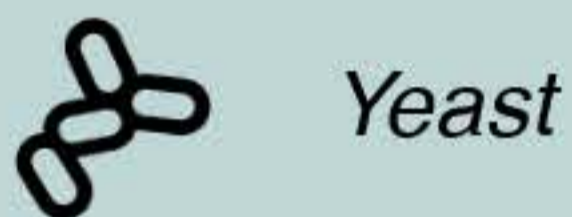


# Patient Guide: The Basics on Biologics and Biosimilars

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## Biologics

Medications that are produced from living cells, such as:



## Biosimilars

Medications that are as similar as possible to existing biologics

Can **never be identical** to biologics, since they are large and complex molecules produced from living cells

Biologics target specific parts of the immune system. People receive them through:



## Uses for Biologics and Biosimilars

Biologics and biosimilars are emerging and promising treatment options for a variety of diseases.



Psoriasis



Psoriatic or  
rheumatoid arthritis



Some  
cancers



Gastrointestinal  
disease

## Factors to Consider

People who have tried other treatments and found them ineffective may be good candidates for biologics or biosimilars. Talk to your doctor about the factors below to see if biologics or biosimilars are right for you.

