

## **Welcome to B.C. PharmaCare's Public Input Questionnaire for drugs being reviewed under the B.C. Drug Review Process.**

**This patient group questionnaire is for [name of biosimilar under review]  
which is being considered as an alternative to [name of innovator biologic  
drug].**

You may submit a questionnaire only once. If you do not complete the questionnaire or navigate away from the page while entering your responses, you can return to the last unsaved page and complete the questionnaire, provided you use the same computer. To ensure privacy, you will not be able to go back to review or change your answers on a page once it is saved.

**To protect your privacy, please do not include in your response names of individuals, companies, locations or any other information that might identify them or anyone else.**

### **Completing the questionnaire**

**Mandatory questions are flagged with a red asterisk (\*).**

*If you decide not to provide the required information, click the CANCEL button at the bottom of this page to exit the questionnaire. To protect your privacy, your browser window will close.*

You do not need to answer all the optional questions. You need only answer those that you think apply to you.

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# Respondent information

To have your input accepted, you must complete the Confirmation of Eligibility, Contact Information and Conflict of Interest Declaration sections of this questionnaire.

## Confirmation of Eligibility

1. I am a representative of a patient group that represents patients in British Columbia who have the medical condition or disease which the drug under review would be used for **AND**  
The patient group which I represent has registered with PharmaCare to give input.\*

For more information, visit [patient group eligibility requirements](#).\*

- Yes
- No

## Contact Information

Your contact information will only be used to retrieve your submission if you submit a request under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIPPA). It will not be used for any other purpose.

2. **Name of Patient Group and First and Last name of Patient Group Representative\***

3. **Patient Group Street Address\***

4. **City\***

5. **Postal Code\***

## Conflict of Interest Declaration

To make sure the Drug Review process is objective and credible, everyone who provides input has to tell us about any possible conflicts of interest.

A conflict of interest exists if you or an immediate family member might benefit from the outcome of PharmaCare's drug review. For example, if you own stock in the company that makes the drug, there could be a financial benefit IF PharmaCare decides to cover the drug.

Examples of conflicts of interest include, but are not limited to, financial support from the pharmaceutical industry (e.g., educational or research grants, honoraria, gifts and salary) as well as affiliations or commercial relationships with drug manufacturers or other interest groups.

Even if you or an immediate family member has a conflict of interest, your input will still be considered as long as you declare the conflict of interest in your answers to the questions. All information you provide is protected under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

6. Do you have any Conflicts of Interest to declare?\*

- Yes
- No

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7. Describe any Conflicts of Interest below.\*

## Questions on the drug under review

Question 8 is mandatory; all other questions in this section are optional.

**Please read through these definitions before answering any of the questions.**

### Innovator and Biosimilar Drugs – definitions

The drug under review is known as a **biosimilar**.

Most drugs are simple chemical compounds that can be made from non-living materials. It is relatively easy to create an almost exact copy of these drugs; the copy (known as a generic) contains the **same active ingredients** and works the same way.

Biologic drugs, however, are very complex compounds created from a variety of natural sources, such as materials from micro-organisms, animals and humans.

Pharmaceutical companies use complicated bio-engineering processes, such as recombinant DNA technology, to combine these materials into new forms.

The processes used to create biologic drugs are almost impossible to duplicate, so there can be no exact copy of the drug.

It is possible, however, to create one or more biologic drugs that are very similar to the first biologic drug (also known as the brand name or **innovator biologic drug**). These are known as **biosimilars**.

A **biosimilar** is a drug that

- has been created after the patent for the first, **innovator biologic drug** is no longer in force,
- produces results that are similar to the **innovator biologic drug**, and
- demonstrates similar safety characteristics as the **innovator biologic drug**.

All biologic drugs (both **innovator biologic drugs** and **biosimilars**) have to receive approval from Health Canada before they can be sold in Canada.

8. Have you read the PharmaCare information sheet for this drug? \*

(If you would like to read this information now, click on the "this drug's information sheet" link in the *What this drug is for* column of the [List of Drugs Under Review](#). The information sheet will open in a new tab.)\*

- Yes, I have read the information sheet.
- No, I have not read the information sheet.

9. Which of the following disease(s)/condition(s) do the patients in your group suffer from and want to treat with this drug?

*Check off all that apply.*

- indication 1
- indication 2
- indication 3
- indication 4

10. Describe how the medical condition or disease you checked in the previous question affects the day-to-day life of the patients in your group.

11. Have patients in your group tried **[name of biosimilar under review]**, the drug under review?

- Yes  
 No

12. Please tell us about any positive and/or negative effects the patients in your group experienced when taking **[name of biosimilar under review]**.

13. Have patients in your group tried **[name of innovator biologic drug]** to treat their medical condition or disease?

- Yes
- No

14. Please tell us about any positive and/or negative effects the patients in your group experienced when taking **[name of innovator biologic drug]**.

15. What clinical symptoms do the patients in your group hope and/or expect **[name of biosimilar under review]** will help with?



16. What do the patients in your group think will be the advantages and disadvantages of taking **[name of biosimilar under review]**?

For example, how do patients in your group think they will benefit from taking this drug (e.g., improvement in quality of life, greater independence or mobility, etc.)? And what do patients in your group think might be the disadvantages of taking this drug (e.g., side effects, increased risk for developing other diseases or conditions, financial costs)? Please provide details.

17. Are there any additional factors the patients in your group would like considered in the review of **[name of biosimilar under review]**?

(For example: does the drug meet any special patient needs that have not been met by other drugs or treatments; is the drug easier to use than other drugs; does the drug reduce visits to the hospital; does the drug reduce days off work or school; or are the drug's side effects acceptable or intolerable?)

## Conclusion

Thank you for your input to B.C. PharmaCare's review of this drug.

Once the survey period for this drug ends, your input, along with other information, will be considered in the drug review process.

Before your input is considered in the drug review process, we will remove all personal information, including the names of patients and any other identifying details.

Would you like to learn more about the drug review process? Visit the [drug review process overview](#) on the PharmaCare website.

Would you like to learn about the drug review decisions? Visit the [PharmaCare drug coverage decision summaries](#) on the PharmaCare website.

*Click the DONE button to submit your input and close this questionnaire.*

**After you have clicked "DONE," your browser may ask you whether you want to close the questionnaire window. To protect your privacy, please answer "yes" at the "close this window?" prompt.**