

# BIOLOGICS, BIOSIMILARS & RHEUMATIC DISEASE



• About **58.5 million** Americans have arthritis.

## BIOLOGICAL MEDICATIONS

### BIOLOGICS

Made from natural and living sources.  
More complex than other drugs.



### BIOSIMILARS

Follow-on medicines.  
Similar to originator biologics with no clinically meaningful differences.

### INTERCHANGEABLE BIOSIMILARS

Must meet a higher FDA standard.  
May be substituted without consulting the prescriber.



Of surveyed rheumatologists:



**98%** are familiar with biosimilars

**90%** feel comfortable prescribing biosimilars



The first rheumatology biosimilar was approved by the Food & Drug Administration in 2016.

Rheumatology treatments were among the first biosimilars ever approved.



## 22 BIOSIMILARS

including three interchangeables, are approved for:

- Rheumatoid Arthritis
- Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis
- Psoriatic Arthritis
- Ankylosing Spondylitis
- Polyarticular Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis
- Plaque Psoriasis

