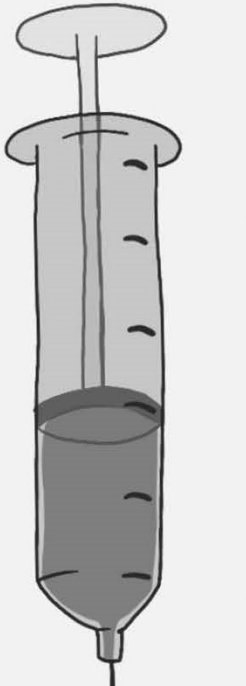
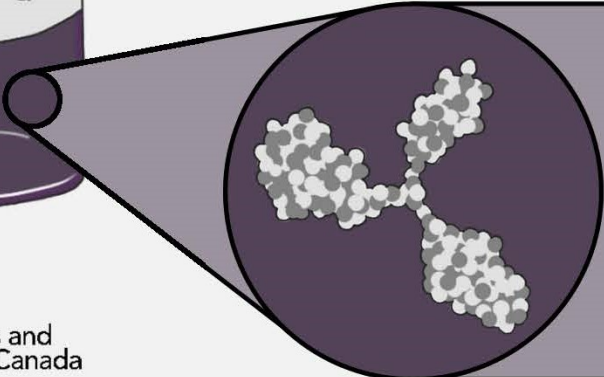


In inflammatory bowel disease, your immune system targets your own digestive tract.



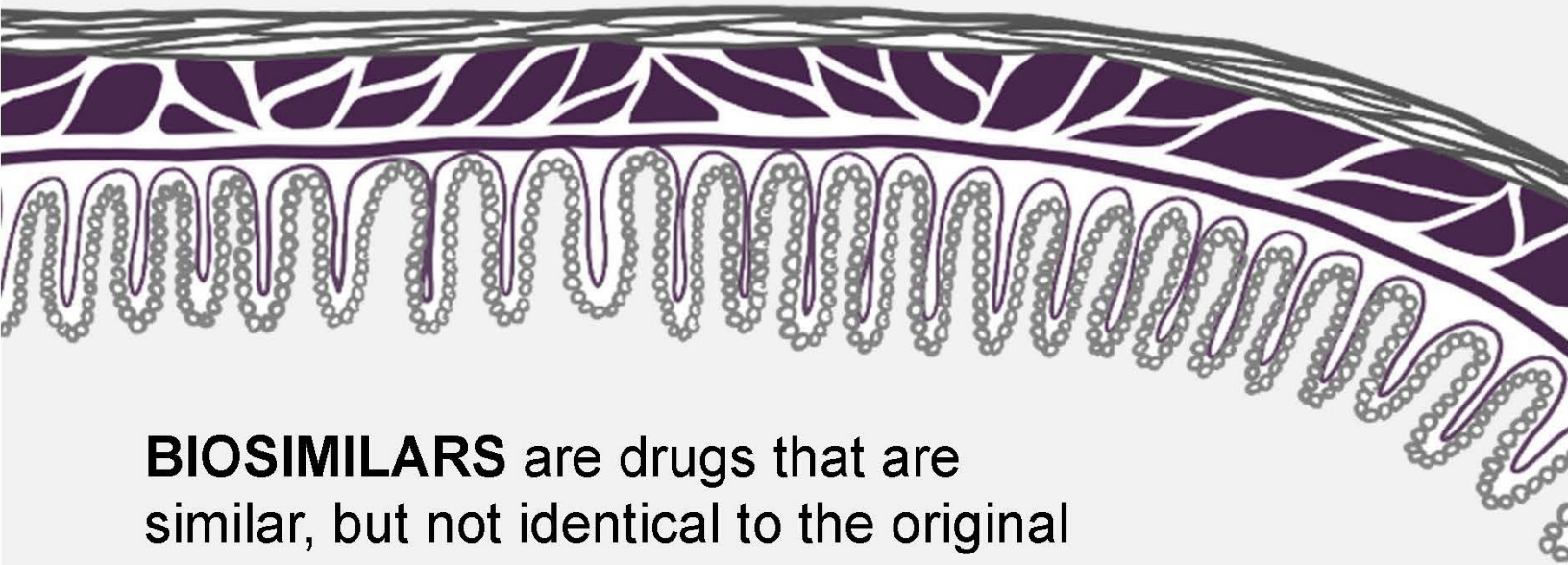
BIOLOGICS are drugs used to treat IBD. They block a particular immune molecule to let your digestive tract heal.

BIOLOGIC



Biologics have structures that are large and complex.





BIOSIMILARS are drugs that are similar, but not identical to the original biologic drug.

E.G.

Remicade®



Inflectra® or
Renflexis®

Because biologic molecules are complex, other manufacturers of biosimilars cannot produce exact copies. Biosimilars are not generics.



Health Canada

approves both biosimilars and biologics. This means that they are:

- Safe
- Effective

However, evidence for the safety and effectiveness of switching from a biologic to a biosimilar is weak.

Learn more about non-medical switch at:
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