

# NON-MEDICAL SWITCHING OF BIOLOGICALS/BIOSIMILARS: CANADA, EUROPE AND THE US

*Overview of Non-Medical Switching Practices of Biologicals/Biosimilars in Different Regions and the Importance of Safeguarding the Physician–Patient Relationship*

Wednesday, 20 July 2022 | 10:00 am – 12:00 pm (EDT)  
Online Event

Academic clinicians with specialties in oncology and ophthalmology, patient advocates, policymakers and regulatory experts from Canada and the US will share their experience and knowledge on medical switching and principles and guidance on interchangeability of biologicals/biosimilars, highlighting the specific concerns on, and the importance of a multi-stakeholder approach protecting the physician–patient relationship in the practice of non-medical switching of biologicals/biosimilars.

- 10:00 – 10:05** **Welcome**
- 10:05 – 10:15** **Overview of biologicals/biosimilars switching policies in Europe and the US**  
**Michael S Reilly**, Esq, Alliance for Safe Biologic Medicines, USA
- 10:15 – 10:30** **Current state of non-medical switching policies of biologicals/biosimilars in Canada**  
**Gail Attara**, Gastrointestinal Society, Canada
- 10:30 – 10:40** **US physicians' concerns/experience of non-medical switching of biologicals/biosimilars**  
**Ralph McKibbin**, MD, FACP, FACG, AGAF, Pennsylvania Society of Gastroenterology/Digestive Disease National Coalition, USA
- 10:40 – 11:00** **Interchangeability of biologicals/biosimilars: US perspective**  
**Leah Christl**, PhD, Amgen, USA
- 11:00 – 11:10** **Patients' perspective and expectations of non-medical switching of biologicals/biosimilars**  
**Durhane Wong-Rieger**, PhD, Canadian Organization for Rare Disorders, Canada
- 11:10 – 11:25** **Canadian non-medical switching policies on biologicals/biosimilars – implications for physicians and patients**  
**Professor Philip J Schneider**, MS, FASHP, FASPEN, FFIP, Ohio State University
- 11:25 – 12:00** **Panel discussion and Q&A**  
Moderator  
Panelists  
**Steven Stranne**, MD, JD, Foley Hoag LLP  
**Michael S Reilly**, Esq, USA  
**Jaymee Maaghob**, Gastrointestinal Society, Canada  
**Ralph McKibbin**, MD, FACP, FACG, AGAF, USA  
**Leah Christl**, PhD, USA  
**Urvashi Rathod**, International Federation on Ageing, Canada

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