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One week ago BC Pharmacare announced coverage of two biosimilar rapid insulins, considered by BCDiabetes to be functionally & clinically identical to the original branded insulins, both manufactured by Sanofi. See the link above for the fineprint dates of coverage etc.

insulin lispro "Admelog", available in vials, cartridges & disposable pens
original brand = "Humalog"
insulin aspart "Trurapi", available only in cartridges & disposable pens
original brand = "NovoRapid".

Both Admelog & Trurapi come as U100 only. There will be no U200 Pharmacare-covered rapid.

Admelog & Trurapi are roughly 20% cheaper than Humalog & NovoRapid. Admelog & Trurapi are also cheaper than insulin regular ("Toronto" =Humulin R & Novolin R). Thus there is no longer a price reason to prescribe insulin regular over rapid insulin.

Below are the wholesale prices (McKesson) for Admelog & Trurapi (in retail pharmacies such as Costco & Naz's the price will be similar, & higher in other pharmacies) and prices for other insulins from the PAD 2019 pricelist.

Admelog (lispro) 10 ml vial	**$24.00 (2.4 cents per unit)**
Humalog (lispro) 10 ml vial	$30.00 (3.0 cents per unit)
NovoRapid (aspart) 10 ml vial	$30.00 (3.0 cents per unit)
Humulin R (insulin regular) 10 ml vial	$25.00 (2.5 cents per unit)
Admelog (lispro) & Trurapi (aspart) 5 cartridges/pens 15 ml	**$48.00 (3.1 cents per unit)**
Humalog (lispro) 5 cartridges/pens 15 ml	$58.00 (3.9 cents per unit)
NovoRapid (aspart) 5 cartridges/pens 15 ml	$70.00 (4.6 cents per unit)