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## BC Pharmacare biosimilar insulin & non-covered brands

BC Pharmacare provides broad coverage of diabetes drugs and devices, subject to the [BC Pharmacare Deductible](#), a policy that BCDiabetes [seeks to drastically improve](#). The good news is that in March 2026 [National Pharmacare](#) will provide first dollar coverage of diabetes pills and insulins (but not Ozempic) and hopefully of CGM and insulin pumps.

BC Pharmacare has a strictly enforced policy of not covering original branded insulins - the rationale is that generic versions of the same insulins, termed “biosimilars”, are equivalent. The assumption of equivalency is based on good science. [BCDiabetes considers this policy to be a sound one as it saves money for Pharmacare to spend on other diabetes drugs and devices.](#)

Some BCDiabetes clients who have switched from original branded insulins to biosimilars have found that the biosimilar is less potent - perhaps that more of the biosimilar than the originally branded version is required to achieve the same effect. In this case BCDiabetes recommends use of higher doses of the biosimilar. Submission of Special Authority forms requesting coverage in such instances is uniformly unsuccessful and for this reason not supported by BCDiabetes.

Below is a list of insulins by scientific name with the biosimilar and original brands. In green are currently available biosimilars. In blue is listed insulin lispro U200 for which there is no biosimilar and for which BCDiabetes believes [there is a strong argument](#) for BC Pharmacare coverage for which Special Authorities are unfortunately not accepted. In red are listed branded insulins for which BCDiabetes does not think there is a strong argument to be made for coverage.

scientific insulin name	Biosimilar brand(s)	Original brand
insulin lispro U100	Admelog	Humalog
insulin aspart U100	Trurapi/Kirsty	Novo Rapid
insulin glargine U100	Basaglar/Semglee	Lantus
insulin lispro U200	none	Humalog U200
insulin glargine U300	none	Toujeo
insulin degludec U100 & U200	none	Tresiba U100/U200
insulin aspart U100 (ultra-rapid)	none	Fiasp

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