

# We are **UNITED** In our Position on Prescriber Communication:

**“In any instance of an **interchangeable biologic product** substitution for a biologic medicine, prescriber communication is essential.”**

**We support a prescriber communication requirement because:**

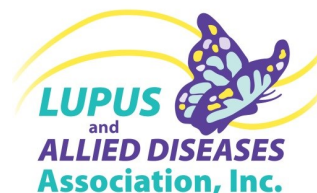
- **Interchangeable biologic products**, like biologics, will be used to treat complex, rare, or chronic medical conditions.
- The prescriber must know of an **interchangeable biologic product** substitution in order to appropriately assess the patient’s experience and further treatment options.
- **Interchangeable biologic products** will require a difficult or unusual process of delivery to the patient in preparation for infusion or injection. Handling, storage, inventory or distribution of the drug is not typically available at retail pharmacies.
- **Interchangeable biologic products** will require significantly enhanced patient education, management or support, beyond those required for traditional dispensing at a community or retail pharmacy, before and/or after administration of the drug.
- **Interchangeable biologic products** are complex medications derived from living sources – not simple generics produced through chemical processes.
- Prescribers and pharmacists must work collaboratively to ensure the protection of the patient!



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