

## ***Preparing your Practice for Biosimilars***

2013 MSHP-ICHP Spring Meeting

**ACPE#:** 0204-0000-13-415-L01-P                      **Credit Hours:** 1.0  
**Date:** Saturday, April 13, 2013  
**Time:** 10:30am – 11:30am  
**Location:** St. Charles Convention Center, St. Charles, MO

### **Activity Description**

This educational activity will cover the practical scientific and legislative issues associated with biosimilars, including patient safety concerns, substitution rules, and interchangeability. Expert faculty will discuss pertinent issues for pharmacists such as the manufacturing and production process of biopharmaceuticals compared with traditional chemical drugs, lessons learned from biosimilar approvals in Europe, current U.S. legislation, and updates on Food and Drug Administration regulations regarding biosimilars.

The activity will discuss the importance of pharmacovigilance programs and the role of providers in that process. The activity will conclude with a review of risks and benefits as they relate to patients and providers and important clinical information that will be required when presenting biopharmaceuticals and biosimilars to decision-making groups, such as the pharmacy & therapeutics committee.

### **Learning Objectives**

After participating in this knowledge-based continuing pharmacy education activity, participants should be able to

1. Review the intricate scientific process used to produce biopharmaceutical agents and compare it with the process used to create traditional chemical drug products.
2. Examine potential approaches to monitoring and identifying unique adverse events that could emerge with biosimilars.
3. Review key information that will be needed to evaluate biosimilars for formulary consideration.
4. Develop a plan for the introduction of biosimilars into routine health system practice, including an approach to transitions of care.

### **Continuing Education Information**



The American Society of Health-System Pharmacists is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education as a provider of continuing pharmacy education. This activity provides 1 hour (0.1 CEU) of continuing pharmacy education credit (ACPE Activity # 0204-0000-13-415-L01-P).

Attendees must complete a Continuing Pharmacy Education Request online and may immediately print their statements of continuing pharmacy education credit at the ASHP eLearning site ([elearning.ashp.org](http://elearning.ashp.org)).

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