## Biosimilar Insulin Pen Comparison Chart<sup>1-8</sup>

| Originator or<br>biosimilar | Brand<br>name<br>(Manufacturer) | Unit<br>max   | Type of<br>pen                | Notes  | <b>Visual</b> <sup>9-12</sup><br>(not actual size) |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|---|-------------------------------|--|--|
| Insulin Aspart              |                                 |   |                               |  |  |
| Originator                  | NovoRapid®<br>(Novo Nordisk)    | 80U   | Cartridge<br>only             | Dial out<br>NovoPen ECHO <sup>®</sup> reusable pen<br>can deliver 0.5U <sup>13</sup><br>FlexTouch <sup>®</sup> no longer available                     | NovoPen® 4 reusable pen (plus cartridge)           |
| Biosimilar                  | Kirsty <sup>®</sup><br>(Mylan)  | 80U   | Prefilled pen<br>only         | Dial out   | Prefilled pen                                      |
| Biosimilar                  | Trurapi™<br>(Sanofi)            | 80U   | Cartridge or<br>prefilled pen | Dial out<br>JuniorSTAR® reusable pen can<br>deliver 0.5U <sup>14</sup>   | AllStar <sup>®</sup> reusable pen (plus cartridge) |
|                             |                                 |   |                               |  | SoloStar® prefilled pen                            |
| Insulin Lispro              |                                 |   |                               |  |  |
| Originator                  | Humalog®<br>(Eli Lilly)         | 60U   | Cartridge or<br>prefilled pen | Dial out<br>HumaPen LUXURA® reusable<br>pen can deliver 0.5U <sup>15</sup><br>Humalog® Junior KwikPen®<br>prefilled pen can deliver 0.5U <sup>16</sup> | HumaPen SAVVIO® reusable pen<br>(plus cartridge)   |
| Biosimilar                  | Admelog®<br>(Sanofi)            | 80U   | Cartridge or<br>prefilled pen | Dial out<br>JuniorSTAR® reusable pen can<br>deliver 0.5U <sup>14</sup>   | AllStar® reusable pen (plus cartridge)             |
| Insulin Glargine            |                                 |   |                               |  |  |
| Originator                  | Lantus®<br>(Sanofi)             | 80U   | Cartridge or<br>prefilled pen | Dial out<br>JuniorSTAR <sup>®</sup> reusable pen can<br>deliver 0.5U <sup>14</sup>   | AllStar® reusable pen (plus cartridge)             |
| Biosimilar                  | Basaglar™<br>(Eli Lilly)        | 60U for<br>cartridge<br>80U for<br>prefilled<br>pen | Cartridge or<br>prefilled pen | Dial out<br>HumaPen LUXURA® reusable<br>pen can deliver 0.5U <sup>15</sup>   | HumaPen SAVVIO® reusable pen<br>(plus cartridge)   |
| Biosimilar                  | Semglee®<br>(Mylan)             | 80U   | Prefilled pen<br>only         | Dial out   | Prefilled pen                                      |

## Practical tips<sup>17</sup>

- Many pens come in half unit doses. See table for details.
- Only use a reusable pen and cartridges from the same manufacturer (e.g., do not use the Lantus reusable pen with Basaglar cartridges).
- If a patient has more than one type of insulin, use different coloured pens and consider visual cues for each insulin when changing (e.g., keep prandial insulin near where you eat, and keep basal insulin near where you sleep).
- Some pens will feel different for the patient. If a patient finds the prefilled pen difficult to administer, consider the reusable pen. Reusable pens often require less pressure to deliver a dose but will require dexterity to insert new cartridges.

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