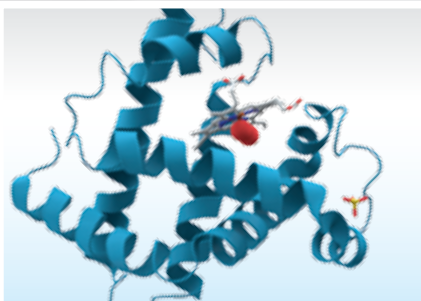




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Recently many biological drugs have lost or will lose patent protection soon- hence biosimilars will be introduced to the market.

In Poland, a group of experts from various fields of medicine has developed a position paper, which could be helpful in making therapeutic decisions for doctors who use biological drugs in everyday practice.

This position paper has been published in "Polski Merkuriusz Lekarski" (Pol. Merk. Lek., 2014, XXXVII, 217) and you can find a translation of this article in the current JHPOR issue.

Experts are in agreement in their opinion that the complex and dynamic problem of using innovative and biosimilar biological drugs places a duty on all health care professionals to systematically monitor this process.

We also recommend the articles concerning the reimbursement system and actions of NHF in Poland and many other.

*We wish you an interesting read of the fifth JHPOR issue!*

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