

# BIOLOGICS & VISION HEALTH



There are hundreds of conditions and diseases that can impact an individual's vision. While traditional medication options have been the go-to for many decades, innovative biological medical products, or biologics, may offer further relief to patients.

Biologics are complex drugs used to treat a wide range of conditions, sometimes with better outcomes than traditional treatment options. Biologics can also benefit patients who suffer from conditions where no previous treatment option exists.

## How are biologics different from traditional medications?



While both provide benefits to patients, biologics and traditional medications are manufactured differently.



Traditional medications are synthesized through chemical reactions, whereas biologics are made from living sources, including animal and plant cells.



Both biologics and traditional medications go through a rigorous FDA approval process to ensure patient safety and efficacy.

## Which vision conditions can biologics treat?

The advancement of biologics has improved vision care significantly. Biologics can help treat vision conditions like thyroid eye disease, dry eye disease, age-related macular degeneration and diabetic retinopathy.

Biologics will continue to provide new treatment options for the millions of individuals living with vision conditions.

## How are biologics administered?

Biologics for vision conditions are commonly administered through infusions or injections in an infusion clinic or hospital outpatient setting. There are, however, a growing number of biologics that can be administered through home injection.

**It is imperative policymakers ensure the right policies are in place for vision patients to access timely and appropriate treatment.**