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AI News Roundup

Regulatory & HTA Signals

EMA Publishes 2025 AI Observatory Report for Medicines Network

The European Medicines Agency and Heads of Medicines Agencies published their 2025 AI Observatory Report in June 2026, providing an annual overview of AI activities across the European Medicines Regulatory Network. The report covers AI guidance and policy, regulatory applications, and stakeholder collaborations, signalling a transition from AI exploration to real-world implementation within medicines regulation. It includes a list of AI uses EMA has discussed directly with applicants, such as generative AI to draft regulatory submissions.

So what? *The report signals that EMA is actively tracking how sponsors are using AI in submissions and pharmacovigilance — pharma and market access teams should expect tightening expectations around AI use disclosure and documentation in regulatory dossiers.*

European Medicines Agency

EU Completes First Joint Clinical Assessment Under HTA Regulation

The European Commission published the first completed Joint Clinical Assessment report under the EU HTA Regulation on 9 June 2026, covering tovorafenib — Ipsen Pharma's treatment for the most common paediatric brain tumour. Having initiated 18 JCAs since the HTAR took effect in January 2025, Member States delivered a 154-page evidence report including clinical assessment and a 20-page summary from the Member State Coordination Group. This milestone marks the HTA Regulation moving from legislative framework into substantive output.

So what? *The first completed JCA sets a live precedent for the evidence standards and structure EU Member States will apply to all future oncology and rare disease submissions — essential reading for market access and HEOR teams preparing EU launches.*

European Commission

Regulation & Policy

EU Publishes Final AI Content Labelling Code — August Deadline Looms

On 10 June 2026, the European Commission published the final Code of Practice on marking and labelling of AI-generated content, giving generative AI providers and deployers a concrete compliance pathway ahead of the legally binding August 2, 2026 deadline under Article 50 of the EU AI Act. The code is voluntary but the obligations it supports are not: deepfakes, AI-generated text on matters of public interest, and chatbot interactions must all be clearly labelled. The Commission released standardised EU icons for labelling to reduce implementation friction.

So what? *Pharma and life sciences companies using generative AI to produce any patient-facing, public-interest, or HTA-submitted content in the EU must implement Article 50-compliant labelling and metadata watermarking within weeks or face fines of up to €15 million or 3% of global turnover.*

European Commission

Healthcare & Life Sciences

NHS England Deploys Microsoft Copilot to 505,000 Clinicians and Staff

On 7 June 2026, NHS England announced it will roll out Microsoft 365 Copilot to 505,000 clinicians and support staff across NHS England Trusts — the largest AI deployment of its kind in a healthcare system globally. The decision follows a trial covering 30,000 NHS workers across 90 organisations, which found Copilot saved an average of 43 minutes of administrative work per staff member per day, equivalent to five weeks annually. Full deployment is expected by October 2026.

So what? *As the NHS builds workforce-scale AI capability and frees up clinician time, life sciences companies developing AI-augmented care pathways or real-world evidence programmes in the UK will increasingly need to design solutions compatible with this administrative AI infrastructure.*

NHS England

FDA Extends Comment Period on Real-Time AI Clinical Trial Pilot to 29 June

The FDA extended the comment period on its Request for Information for a real-time clinical trial pilot to 29 June 2026, following its April announcement of two proof-of-concept trials with AstraZeneca and Amgen that stream endpoint data to the agency in real time using AI and cloud computing. FDA's Chief AI Officer has indicated the programme could reduce overall clinical trial time by 20–40%. Final pilot selections are expected in August 2026.

So what? *Pharma sponsors designing late-phase or post-marketing trials should monitor RTCT pilot selection criteria carefully, as FDA-accepted real-time data architectures could reshape submission standards and accelerate approval timelines — offering a strategic advantage to early adopters.*

FDA

Models & Research

Anthropic's Claude Fable 5 Launched Then Pulled by US Government Directive

On 9 June 2026, Anthropic released Claude Fable 5 — the first publicly available Mythos-class model — to enterprise and paid subscribers. Three days later, on 12 June, the US government issued an export control directive requiring Anthropic to suspend access by any foreign national. Unable to filter users by nationality in real time, Anthropic disabled both Fable 5 and Mythos 5 for all customers worldwide. In a public statement, Anthropic complied but disputed the basis: 'We disagree that the finding of a narrow potential jailbreak should be cause for recalling a commercial model deployed to hundreds of millions of people.' As of publication, both models remain offline. Both models also carry a 30-day data retention requirement and are not available under zero data retention.

So what? *This is the first government-mandated takedown of a publicly deployed frontier AI model — and the first public dispute between a leading AI lab and the US government over the technical justification for that action. For pharma and HEOR teams building workflows on frontier AI, it establishes a new category of vendor risk: commercial tools can be pulled globally, without notice, without transparent process, and with disputed rationale. Any organisation integrating frontier AI into regulated, GxP, or evidence generation workflows should now formally assess availability risk as part of AI governance frameworks.*

Anthropic

OpenAI Introduces Deployment Simulation for Pre-Release Safety Testing

On 16 June 2026, OpenAI published research introducing Deployment Simulation, a pre-release safety evaluation method that replays approximately 1.3 million anonymised real user conversations through candidate models before they go live. By stripping original AI responses and having the new model regenerate them, the technique measures the frequency of undesirable behaviours in realistic usage contexts — catching novel misalignments such as 'calculator hacking' that traditional adversarial testing missed. The method achieved a median multiplicative error of 1.5x against observed real-world rates.

So what? *Pre-release safety testing should be standard practice across the AI industry — not a differentiator. What this methodology contributes is a more realistic signal using actual deployment contexts rather than synthetic adversarial prompts. Pharma and healthcare AI developers should treat deployment-representative safety evaluation as a baseline procurement requirement, not a competitive differentiator, when assessing AI tools for regulated workflows.*

OpenAI

Academic Paper Summaries

Selected from PubMed · Published within the last 12 months · New selections each week

Domain Paper — HEOR / Health Economics / Market Access

Harnessing Generative AI in Nursing Informatics: A Theoretical Critique and Policy Innovation Perspective From Japan.

Kubota K, Aishima M, Fujita T · International nursing review · 2025

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This paper examines how generative AI could be integrated into nursing practice in Japan, drawing on a 2023 national survey and established technology adoption frameworks. It finds that while AI has real potential to improve care quality and information access, barriers including low digital literacy, privacy concerns, and unclear liability remain significant obstacles. For healthcare executives, it underscores that deploying AI in clinical settings requires investment in staff education, governance frameworks, and regulatory clarity before benefits can be realised.

PMID: 40970692	PubMed →	DOI →

AI Research Paper 1

AI-driven reclassification of multiple sclerosis progression.

Ganjgahi H, Häring DA, Aarden P, et al. · Nature medicine · 2025

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Researchers used machine learning to reanalyse data from roughly 8,000 multiple sclerosis patients across clinical trials and real-world cohorts, identifying a more biologically meaningful way to classify the disease as a continuous spectrum rather than discrete subtypes. They defined two key poles — early/mild and advanced MS — linked by measurable brain damage and inflammatory activity, validated in independent datasets. For pharmaceutical and HTA stakeholders, this offers a more precise foundation for patient stratification, trial design, and treatment response prediction, potentially accelerating drug development and improving market access decisions.

PMID: 40835969	PubMed →	DOI →

AI Research Paper 2

A personal health large language model for sleep and fitness coaching.

Khasentino J, Belyaeva A, Liu X, et al. · Nature medicine · 2025

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Google researchers developed a large language model fine-tuned on wearable device data to provide personalised sleep and fitness coaching, benchmarking it against human experts across nearly 1,000 real-world case studies. The model outperformed human experts on sleep medicine and fitness knowledge tests and delivered comparable personalised recommendations, while also predicting self-reported sleep quality from sensor data. For healthcare executives, this signals a near-term opportunity to embed AI-driven, wearable-integrated coaching into consumer health and chronic disease management products at scale.

PMID: 40813712	PubMed →	DOI →