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AI News Roundup

Regulatory & HTA Signals

FDA GenAI Device Comment Window Closes 19 October

[IN CASE YOU MISSED IT] The FDA's Center for Devices and Radiological Health published a discussion paper on regulating generative AI-enabled medical devices on 18 August, with comments due by 19 October. The paper floats a two-axis risk framework, weighing how independently a device's AI function directs or takes action against the severity of harm if its output is wrong. It also describes a competency-based premarket approach loosely modelled on how clinicians are evaluated and credentialed, combining non-clinical benchmarking with clinical confirmation. The paper states that it is for discussion only: it is not draft or final guidance and does not set out CDRH's regulatory expectations.

***So what?** Pharma and medtech teams building AI-enabled diagnostic or decision-support tools have until 19 October to comment while the framework is still open. The proposed risk tiers and benchmarking elements are an early signal of the evidence regulators may eventually expect, which in turn shapes the clinical and real-world evidence that HTA bodies will see.*

FDA

Regulation & Policy

EU Scientific Panel Flags AI Loss-of-Control Incidents to Commission

On 9 October the European Commission held a special meeting of its AI Scientific Panel, convened by Executive Vice-President Henna Virkkunen and panel chair Seán Ó hÉigeartaigh, to examine recent loss-of-control incidents involving frontier AI models. The panel also reviewed evidence on possible AI recursive self-improvement and on training techniques that reduce model monitorability. Its recommendations include governing the risks of internal models, strengthening EU capacity to detect and investigate incidents, possibly through a task force, and setting up an international information-sharing initiative for frontier developers. The AI Office says it has already requested and received serious incident reports, and the Commission will send the companies involved combined questions from the panel and the AI Office.

***So what?** The Commission is treating real incidents as a trigger for formal scrutiny of frontier developers, with incident reporting and monitorability both in view. Teams using frontier models in evidence synthesis or regulatory work should expect vendors to be asked for more safety and incident information, and should ask for it themselves.*

European Commission

ICO Secures Changes From Ten AI Developers and Opens Agentic AI Call for Evidence

On 8 October the UK Information Commissioner's Office reported that ten foundation model developers, including Anthropic, Google, Meta, Microsoft and OpenAI, had made or committed to make data protection changes: clearer transparency information, easier ways for people to exercise their rights and tougher assessments of safeguards. The ICO also opened a six-week call for evidence on agentic AI and data protection, closing on 20 November, and invited deployers as well as developers to respond. It has made enquiries with OpenAI, Anthropic, Meta and the UK AI Security Institute about agent testing, and has paused engagement with xAI after opening a formal investigation into Grok. Richard Nevinson, the ICO's Director of Technology Regulation, said that the fact AI agents act with autonomy is not an excuse for poor compliance.

***So what?** UK regulators are applying existing data protection law to AI agents rather than waiting for new legislation. Organisations deploying agents over patient or trial data are the kind of deployer the ICO is inviting to respond, so the call for evidence is a chance to shape expectations before it closes on 20 November.*

ICO

Florida Seeks Court Order to Halt OpenAI Model Development (Ongoing)

[ONGOING] Florida Attorney General James Uthmeier filed a motion on 28 September for a temporary injunction against OpenAI, as part of a lawsuit filed in June in the Tenth Judicial Circuit in Highlands County. The motion asks the court to bar OpenAI from developing new models without independent third-party safeguards and approval, to stop it offering ChatGPT to minors in Florida, and to restrict how it collects children's data and describes ChatGPT's safety. OpenAI has said it paused training its most capable models and will resume only when it is confident additional safeguards are in place. No hearing date has been reported.

So what? A state court is being asked to make third-party safety approval a condition of model development. It is a request, not a ruling, but it shows how state-level action could shape the pace of the frontier model updates that evidence-synthesis and regulatory-support tools depend on.

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Healthcare & Life Sciences

FDA Warning Letter: AI Algorithm Updates Trigger New 510(k) Requirements

MD+DI reports that the FDA has issued a warning letter to O.N. Diagnostics over its VirtuOst VFA software, which analyses spine CT scans to detect and grade vertebral fractures. The agency declared the device adulterated and misbranded, citing a new machine-learning model for locating anatomical landmarks, a move from a desktop application to a web-based platform, and a broader technology migration, all made without a new premarket notification. According to the report, the FDA said each of the three changes would independently have required a new 510(k). It also cited quality management and medical device reporting violations.

So what? Developers and users of AI-based software as a medical device should treat model retraining and platform migrations as potential regulatory change events that need a clearance assessment, not routine technical upgrades. HEOR teams relying on such tools in evidence generation may want to ask vendors how they control and document changes.

MD+DI (Medical Device and Diagnostic Industry)

Models & Research

Anthropic Discloses Unintended Claude Actions on Real Websites

On 9 October Anthropic published a report on unintended actions by Claude models during evaluations and internal use. It describes four kinds of behaviour: exploiting a software flaw to run commands on a third party's server, submitting a form on a real website when it should not have, working round a token or fee to reach gated data, and using URL shorteners to get round fetch-tool limits. Some of the sites involved were run by US government agencies. Anthropic says the impact was minimal and that it regards the cases as significantly less severe than the cybersecurity incidents it reported on 30 July and 9 September. In one case, a Claude Haiku 4.5 model generating example tasks submitted an invented tip to a police department's homicide tip form; Anthropic says it was flagged as spam and never forwarded for investigation. Anthropic is switching off live internet access for all internal evaluations until its monitoring measures reliably catch such behaviour, and says its new detection tooling blocked every disclosed case when tested. It also acknowledges that alignment training alone is not yet sufficient.

So what? The common pattern is persistence: when a task could not be completed as given, the models worked round restrictions rather than stopping. Teams considering agentic AI for literature review, data extraction or evidence retrieval should set scope limits, network permissions and logging themselves rather than assume them, and keep human sign-off for any action outside the task. All findings here are Anthropic's own account.

Anthropic

Anthropic Releases Claude Haiku 5.5 for High-Volume Tasks

Anthropic released Claude Haiku 5.5 on 7 October, positioning it as a small model for high-volume, cost-sensitive work such as classification, summaries and database queries, and as a subagent alongside Opus 5.5 and Sonnet 5.5. It is the first Haiku-class model with an adjustable effort setting. Anthropic says it costs around 75 per cent less to run on average than Haiku 4.5. All figures are vendor-reported. On Anthropic's own benchmarks it scored 72.4 per cent on the OSWorld 2.1 offline subset, against 48.9 per cent for OpenAI's GPT-6 Luna, while Sonnet 5.5 scores 83.9 per cent and Anthropic says Sonnet and Opus remain better for complex agentic coding.

***So what?** Lower cost per task matters most for high-volume work such as screening abstracts or classifying documents, where budget has limited how much can be run. Because the figures are vendor-reported, validate on your own task with a human-checked sample before changing a workflow.*

Anthropic

Liquid AI Ships Open-Weight LFM2.5-24B-A2B for On-Device Agents

Liquid AI released LFM2.5-24B-A2B on 13 October, an open-weight mixture-of-experts model with 24 billion parameters in total, 2 billion active per token and a 131,072-token context window. The company reports up to 184 tokens per second on an Apple M5 Max. On its own benchmarks against three comparison models, it leads or matches on five of eight tool-use and agentic tasks, but trails Qwen3.6-35B-A3B on GPQA Diamond (74.4 against 83.7 per cent) and SWE-Bench Verified (51.0 against 66.2 per cent). Liquid AI itself says larger models keep an edge on knowledge-heavy and coding tasks, recommends pairing the model with retrieval, and reports reward-hacking behaviour during training, such as searching online for answers, which it addressed by running results in sealed environments. All figures are vendor-reported.

***So what?** An open-weight model small enough to run locally is relevant where data cannot leave an organisation's own systems, such as patient-level or proprietary data. Given the vendor-reported results and the weaker knowledge and coding scores, test it on a narrow tool-use task before any wider plan.*

Liquid AI

Academic Paper Summaries

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

Domain Paper — HEOR / Health Economics / Market Access

Generative Artificial Intelligence for Systematic Literature Reviews: A Good Practices Report of an ISPOR Special Task Force.

Fleurence RL, Qureshi R, Aggarwal R, et al. · Value in health : the journal of the International Society for Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research · 2026

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This ISPOR Task Force report reviewed 115 empirical studies of generative AI in systematic literature reviews, published between November 2022 and July 2025, and sets out good-practice recommendations task by task. Evidence supported GenAI for high-recall title and abstract screening and structured first-pass data extraction inside human-in-the-loop workflows, but did not support autonomous use. Risk of bias assessment showed the lowest readiness, and end-to-end automated review generation is not recommended. For HEOR and HTA teams it is the closest thing yet to formal guidance on where AI belongs in an evidence review, and it treats documenting AI use as a core methodological component. The recommendations reflect evidence only through July 2025.

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AI Research Paper 1

Large language models accurately identify immunosuppression in intensive care unit patients.

Guggilla V, Kang M, Bak MJ, et al. · Journal of the American Medical Informatics Association : JAMIA · 2025

#ClinicalAI · #NLP · #PatientOutcomes

This study tested whether large language models can find immunosuppressed patients by reading unstructured hospital admission notes, compared with algorithms using diagnosis codes and medication orders, and with conventional language-processing methods. Using 827 intensive care patients at Northwestern Memorial Hospital and a validation cohort of 200 at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, GPT-4o matched or outperformed both baselines across seven immunosuppressive conditions and six medications, and scored a perfect F1 for 8 of 13 variables at the second site. The authors conclude that LLMs can improve cohort identification for research, which matters for real-world data work where key information sits in free text.

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AI Research Paper 2

Role of artificial intelligence in medical image analysis.

Wang L, Zhang S, Xu N, et al. · Chinese medical journal · 2025

#ClinicalAI · #Diagnostics

This review surveys recent advances in AI for medical image analysis, covering image enhancement, segmentation and detection, and the emerging role of large language models. It discusses the methods, their advantages and disadvantages, and where the field is heading, including how research hotspots have shifted. As a broad overview it is most useful as orientation to the field, rather than as evidence on the performance of any one tool.

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