

1. [Big Pharma's bet on Big Data creates opportunities and risks](#) - Reuters
Novartis wants every puff of its emphysema drug Onbrez to go into the cloud.

The Swiss drugmaker has teamed up with U.S. technology firm Qualcomm to develop an internet-connected inhaler that can send information about how often it is used to remote computer servers known as the cloud.

This kind of new medical technology is designed to allow patients to keep track of their drug usage on their smartphones or tablets and for their doctors to instantly access the data over the web to monitor their condition.

Also carried in [Economic Times](#) and [Hindu Business Line](#)

2. [Lee Pharma plea seeking licence for Astra's diabetes drug rejected](#) – Financial Express
The country's patent office has rejected an application by Hyderabad-based Lee Pharma seeking compulsory licence for making the diabetes medicine Saxagliptin, sold under the brand name Onglyza which was patented to international drug major AstraZeneca.

The Mumbai patent office, which heard the appeal, said it is not satisfied with the grounds raised by Lee Pharma for seeking compulsory licence.

3. [Experts Call for Universal Access to Health](#) – The Telegraph
Experts called for universal access to health care, substantial augmentation of human resources in the medical field, increasing access to drugs and vaccines, low-cost indigenous solutions and integration of alternative systems of medicine to enable India to overcome a number of serious challenges in realizing the right to health.

At the International Conference on Healthcare organised by O. P. Jindal Global University in collaboration with Harvard Global Health Institute and the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, several speakers emphasized that universal access to healthcare must be the focus of our efforts rather than universal health coverage through insurance.

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