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With 12 nations pressing to conclude the largest regional trade accord ever, United States officials find themselves squeezed between activists pressing to secure access to low-cost pharmaceuticals and Republicans who say Congress will reject a deal without strong patent protections for the drug industry. The goal of the pharmaceutical industry is to change the rules internationally, to change global norms with a new monopoly that is cheaper for the companies and stronger,” said Judit Rius Sanjuan, a legal policy adviser for Doctors Without Borders’ medical access campaign, which wants lower-cost drugs on the market faster.

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The Central Government supplements the efforts of the state government for improving healthcare including prevention, diagnosis and treatment of cancer. At present, the National Programme for Prevention and Control of Cancer, Diabetes, Cardiovascular Diseases and Stroke (NPCDCS) being implemented under National Health Mission (NHM) for interventions up to the district level includes awareness generation for Cancer prevention, screening, early detection and referral to an appropriate level institution for treatment. The focus is on three areas namely breast, cervical and oral Cancer. Screening guidelines have been provided to State Governments for implementation. Suspected cases are to be referred for confirmatory diagnosis by various tests including histo-pathological biopsy.

2. [Funding and access biggest roadblocks in healthcare infrastructure development: Survey](#) – Times of India (Pune)

Funding and access to healthcare are the two biggest roadblocks globally preventing the development of a more efficient and effective healthcare infrastructure, according to a new survey of healthcare professionals by Polycom, Inc. The study, which polled more than 1,200 healthcare industry professionals from around the world, also revealed that technology

developments such as mobile, the Internet of Things (IoT) and big data, offers the most promising way to overcome healthcare bottlenecks by 2025.

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The Bangalore District Chemists and Druggists Association (BDCDA) has urged the Union government to take a re-look at the new Drug Price Control Order (DPCO) 2013 to revise the trade margins apart from other issues which include payment of local taxes like value added tax (VAT) and excise duty.

“The DPCO 2013 based on the market based price model has been devised as the pharma industry needs. The government while approving this new drug price order has ignored the pharmacy trade. We are of the view that the new government needs to take a relook at the DPCO 2013 which needs to support the wholesalers and retailers,” said Krishnan.

2. [Sun Pharma May File New Drug Application With US Regulator](#) – NDTV Profit

Sun Pharma, India's largest drug maker, may file application for a new drug with the US Food and Drug Administration in next two to three years, its managing director Dilip Shanghvi said on Thursday. The firm's research arm, Sun Pharma Advanced Research Company (SPARC), is currently working on three new drugs that are currently under clinical trial stage, he added.