



Healthcare News and Deals - May 8th, 2026

1. CIRM Awards Acurastem \$7.5 Million Grant to Propel AI-Driven AS-241 Small Molecule Toward Clinical Trials for ALS and FTD

This grant specifically supports the preparation and commencement of Phase 1 clinical trials for patients suffering from Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) and Frontotemporal Dementia (FTD), marking a major milestone in precision medicine for neurodegenerative diseases. [\(Link\)](#)

2. Medical University of South Carolina and Revival Healthcare Capital Launch Five-Year Partnership to Drive Clinical Innovation and Commercialization

This collaboration aims to accelerate the development of groundbreaking medical technologies and digital health solutions by bridging the gap between clinical research and commercial viability. The goal is to transform patient care delivery while providing a scalable model for healthcare systems to co-develop intellectual property. [\(Link\)](#)

3. ManchesterStory Leads \$6.5M Funding Round in Xcaliber Health to Automate Healthcare Administration and Claims Processing Using AI

By using machine learning to streamline claims processing, prior authorizations, and revenue cycle management, Xcaliber Health aims to reduce burnout and administrative waste. This investment will be used to further develop their proprietary algorithms, ensuring higher accuracy in billing and faster reimbursement cycles for medical practices across the United States. [\(Link\)](#)

4. Enzo Health Secures \$20M Investment Led by General Catalyst and Andreessen Horowitz to Expand AI-Driven Home Healthcare Platform

The technology uses predictive analytics to match patients with the most suitable caregivers and monitors patient vitals in real-time to alert clinicians to potential complications before they require hospitalization. This capital infusion will allow Enzo to expand its geographic footprint and enhance its AI models to support more complex chronic conditions, facilitating a shift toward decentralized, home-based medical care. [\(Link\)](#)

5. Greatly Health Closes Seed Round with Support from Specialized Healthcare Angels to Revolutionize Integrative Oncology Through Digital Platforms

The platform utilizes data-driven insights to create personalized wellness plans for cancer patients, improving their overall quality of life during treatment. The new funding will be used

to enhance the platform's user interface and integrate more robust data tracking features to help oncologists monitor patient-reported outcomes. [\(Link\)](#)

6. WakeMed and Atrium Health Announce Strategic Combination to Expand Tech-Enabled Access and World-Class Clinical Innovation

The collaboration aims to leverage Atrium's extensive scale and WakeMed's community-rooted specialized services to create a seamless, tech-forward patient experience that addresses the growing healthcare needs of North Carolina's rapidly expanding population. [\(Link\)](#)

7. Fathom Secures Strategic Investment from CVS Health Ventures to Accelerate Enterprise-Wide AI Autonomous Medical Coding

This investment from the venture arm of CVS Health underscores the industry's shift toward AI to solve the labor shortage in medical billing. The partnership will help Fathom scale its technology across large provider groups and health systems, significantly reducing costs and administrative errors while allowing healthcare staff to focus more on patient care. [\(Link\)](#)

8. Dandelion Health Raises \$14M Led by GV (Google Ventures) to Scale its Precision Medicine and AI-Ready Clinical Data Platform

This is critical for training unbiased and effective AI algorithms in medicine. The capital will be used to expand their data partnerships with hospital systems, providing a "sandbox" for researchers to develop precision medicine tools that can predict disease onset and tailor treatments to individual genetic profiles. [\(Link\)](#)

9. Illuminant Surgical Raises \$8.4M Seed Round Led by 8VC to Launch AI-Powered Augmented Reality Guidance for Spine Surgery

This technology provides surgeons with "X-ray vision" during complex spine procedures, improving the precision of implant placement and reducing the need for invasive intraoperative imaging. The funding will support the final development of the system and the pursuit of FDA clearance, representing a significant leap forward in computer-assisted orthopedic surgery. [\(Link\)](#)

10. TruEntity Health Oversubscribes \$35M Series A Led by Bessemer Venture Partners to Scale AI-Driven Pharmacy-Led Clinical Care

The platform integrates with pharmacy workflows to facilitate clinical interventions, chronic disease management, and preventative screenings. This significant investment will enable the company to scale its technology across thousands of pharmacies, transforming the role of the pharmacist through data-driven clinical insights and improved patient-provider connectivity. [\(Link\)](#)

11. Vori Health Raises \$22 Million Series B Led by Ascension Ventures to Expand its Virtual-First AI Musculoskeletal (MSK) Platform

Their platform uses AI to triage patients and provide personalized rehabilitation plans, aiming to reduce unnecessary surgeries and opioid prescriptions. The new capital will be used to expand their provider network and deepen integrations with major employer health plans and traditional health systems. ([Link](#))

Events:

1. May 13th - Northeast Healthcare Innovation Summit - Boston

HDIG Co-Founder, Neil Johnson will be attending the Northeast Healthcare Innovation Summit 2026, which will cover critical conversations about healthcare systems optimization, digital transformation, diagnostic & therapeutic technology, partnerships, investment and innovation strategies. We are dedicated to addressing unique regional challenges and unlocking opportunities to enhance healthcare delivery and management.

2. May 14th - US Pharma and Biotech Summit - New York

The US Pharma and Biotech Summit, primarily organized by Financial Times Live in collaboration with Endpoints News, is one of the premier annual gatherings for life sciences leaders. It serves as a high-level forum for discussing the intersection of drug innovation, federal policy, and investment.

3. May 20th - 21st - Digital Health 2026 - Chicago

Digital Health 2026 is a prominent global conference that brings together healthcare providers, payers, policymakers, technology firms, and investors to explore how AI, data, and digital platforms can transform care delivery at scale. It focuses on practical strategies for implementing digital health solutions, improving interoperability, enhancing patient experience, and supporting value-based care models, giving senior leaders concrete ideas they can apply within their own organizations.

4. May 26 - 28- Healthcare Capital Markets & Innovation Summit - Ohio

The Healthcare Capital Markets & Innovation Summit 2026 convenes investors, operators, and innovators to discuss capital formation, M&A, and technology-driven transformation in healthcare, fostering strategic partnerships, actionable insights, and deal flow across emerging platforms, services, and digital health models.

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