

THE VIEW

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Hi there,

As 2020 draws to a close, it's time to carefully review the new realities in life sciences that will pave the way for 2021 and beyond. Telemedicine, for one, had a remarkable year. Analysts suggest that it will continue to experience a growth rate of 40% through 2023. In this month's newsletter, we look at the technologies that will drive growth in telemedicine, before highlighting future trends across key segments.

What's next in telemedicine?

The American Medical Association has estimated that 60% to 90% of clinicians started using some form of telehealth and telemedicine service since the pandemic's advent. Here's how AI, robotics, VR and other smart technologies are changing the face of telemedicine. >>



How AI is revolutionizing EHR systems

The use of electronic health records (EHRs) helps clinicians work with speed and in a more organized manner. Let's take a look at how healthcare and technology firms are improving upon these systems and optimizing their productivity by using AI. >>

Nanotechnology: changing healthcare's future

The use of nanotechnology is opening new frontiers across life sciences. It can revolutionize myriad aspects of medical care, including diagnostics, disease monitoring, surgical devices, regenerative medicine, vaccine development, and drug delivery. >>

Trends to watch for in 2021

Healthcare

- Virtual care and remote medicine
- Genome editing
- Fairer healthcare insurance and coverage

Life sciences

- Personalized medicine
- Value-based care and products pricing
- Heightened focus on immune cell function

Pharma

- Faster time-to-market for drug discovery
- Digitization and automation
- Emergence of biologics

Digital health

- Expansion of telemedicine
- Use of VR, AI and wearables
- Digital health portals, hubs and big data

PWC

2021 M&A Outlook: poised for deals rebound

2020 was a slow year for M&As in life sciences with only USD 150B in deals, one of the lowest in the decade. However, according to PWC, 2021 will be a return to the normal with around USD 250B-275B in predicted deal activity. >>>

Date announced	Target name	Industry	Acquirer full name	Value of transaction (\$billions)
1 9/13/2020	ImmunoMedics, Inc.	Biotech	Gilead Sciences, Inc.	26.9
2 8/22/2020	Varian Medical Systems Inc.	Medical Devices	Siemens Healthineers	17.2
3 10/12/2020	MyoCardia, Inc.	Pharma	Bristol-Myers Squibb Company	13.1
4 9/11/2020	GRAIL, Inc.	Biotech	Bristol, Inc.	8.0
5 8/19/2020	MicroVista Pharmaceutical, Inc.	Biotech	Johnson & Johnson	6.4
6 3/23/2020	Fifty Seven, Inc.	Biotech	Gilead Sciences, Inc.	5.0
7 10/26/2020	Astellas Pharma Inc.	Biotech	Boehringer Ingelheim	4.9
8 8/11/2020	Pharos Biopharma Inc.	Biotech	Sandoz	3.7
9 1/15/2020	Vividus, Inc.	Biotech	Merck & Co., Inc.	2.8
10 9/24/2020	Takeda's Japanese Consumer Products Business	Pharma	Daiichi Sankyo Inc (Blackstone Group)	2.3

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Healthtech Advisor

What's next for healthcare delivery? Nine medical experts predict

"AI-driven insurance or self-pay models that modulate individual patient care costs based on data acquired from IoT setup in our patients' home, will be the first system-wide change. AI and blockchains will drive 30-40% of the healthcare system." - Atif Zafar, Medical Director, St. Michael's Hospital >>>

Becker's Health IT

Predictions for where digital health is heading in 2021

"2021 will be a year of realignment in digital health. Virtual care offerings would be differentiators in their competitive markets, with remote monitoring and digital therapeutics. Digital connectivity will be a social determinant of health." -

Omkar Kulkarni, Chief innovation officer, Children's Hospital, L.A. >>>

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