

New Forecast News Briefs

Each week, HTAIS publishes a series of news briefs on the Health Technology Forecast home page. Below is a list of the most recent headlines (available on ECRI's [Health Technology Forecast](#) website).

- [Investigational avian flu vaccine may protect against several strains](#)
- [New diagnostic technology may help personalize cancer therapy](#)
- [New test may improve Alzheimer's disease diagnosis and treatment](#)
- [Kidney cancer drug under study for metastatic liver cancer](#)
- [Magnets concentrate cancer drugs within tumors using nanotechnology](#)
- [Much-anticipated obesity drug Acomplia approved in Europe](#)

New and Updated TARGET reports

TARGET is a powerful database that offers evidence-based reports about emerging and newly-available drugs, devices, and procedures, as well as new or off-label uses for existing technologies. Each report includes over 30 categories of valuable information that will help you make decisions about planning, procurement, investment, and reimbursement (available on ECRI's [TARGET database](#) website).

- [Intrahepatic yttrium-90 microsphere therapy for metastatic colorectal cancer](#)
- [Artificial heart as bridge to transplantation](#)

New Health Technology Trends articles

Health Technology Trends is a fast-reading web resource that keeps you up to date on the hottest topics in healthcare technology. Authoritative, concise, and original articles examine the impact of healthcare technology developments on critical issues you face every day: cost-control measures, coverage, reimbursement, and much more (available on ECRI's [Health Technology Trends](#) website).

- [Flu vaccines for healthcare workers: patient safety vs. employee rights](#)
- [Success of laboratory-grown bladders in first patients marks major step for regenerative medicine](#)
- [Virtual reality system may help manage severe burn pain](#)

New and Updated Hotline topics

Hotline responses include technology overviews and summarize literature searches of published peer-reviewed literature, gray literature, and standards and guidelines pertaining to healthcare topics (available on ECRI's [Hotline](#) website).

- [Needleless Valve Connectors and Infection Risk](#)
- [Carotid Stenting with Embolic Protection for Carotid Artery Stenosis](#)
- [Low-level Laser Therapy for Carpal Tunnel Syndrome](#)
- [SpineJet Hydrosurgery System for Spinal Fusion Preparation](#)
- [Quality Control of Images from Computed Radiography and Direct Digital Radiography](#)
- [Microprocessor Controlled Upper Extremity Prostheses](#)