

ECRI's HTAIS Update

Semi-Monthly Update on ECRI Technology Assessment Activities and Newly Published Reports for HTAIS Members

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New Forecast News Briefs:

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

- FDA approval for Tarceva broadens treatment to pancreatic cancer patients
- Iressa fails to improve survival in international lung cancer trial
- Ultrasound under study as weapon against cancer
- Blood test shows promise for early colon cancer detection
- Safety concerns raised by data analysis of diabetes drug Pargluva

New and Updated Forecast profiles:

ECRI's Health Technology Forecast is an online horizon scanning tool for healthcare executives and clinicians in key decision-making roles who need to stay abreast of new developments in healthcare technologies and services. Forecast monitors research and developments in various clinical service areas as well as across new classes of technologies (available on ECRI's [Health Technology Forecast](#) website).

- Dual peroxisomal proliferator-activated receptor (PPAR) agonists to treat type 2 diabetes mellitus
- Functional MRI for pain

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).

- "Lean" project adapts manufacturing methods to improve healthcare
- Internet-based system may allow timely evaluation and treatment of rural stroke patients
- New imaging agent may help identify source of recent chest pain
- Plasma gel may ease pain, speed healing in endoscopic sinus surgery

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).

- 2D-Array seven29 (PTW) Ion Chamber Matrix for Intensity Modulated Radiation Therapy (IMRT) Verification
- Continuous Passive Motion Devices following Orthopedic Surgery
- Trellis-8 Peripheral Infusion System (Bacchus Vascular) for Deep Vein Thrombosis (DVT) and Arterial Occlusions
- Electrical Bone Growth Stimulation for the Lower Leg and Long Bones
- Portable Devices for Home Monitoring of Oral Anticoagulation Therapy
- Video-electroencephalography (Video-EEG) Monitoring of Seizures

New HTAIS Topic List:

Visit our new dynamic online topic list at: www.ta.ecri.org/topics

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