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As in the past, we will be continuing to bring you an extensive curated coverage of digital health and technology enabled care references from the UK and around the world including telehealth, telecare, mobile health, telemedicine, ehealth, smart home technologies and Internet of Things. We will also be including more in the future on health informatics (including electronic health and care records), big data, artificial intelligence as well as health and care robotics.

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Bad Hospital Design Is Making Us Sicker - via nytimes

From the U.S.: Apps can help with mental health, doctors say - via abc13houston

From the U.S.: Fire departments rescuing patients from costly ER trips - via washingtonpost

Needless shocks from heart devices can trigger extra health costs, Stanford researcher say - via EurekAlert

W Virginia health system using smart TVs & integrated apps to teach patients about care plan - via mHealthIntel

'Telehealth' will make me a prisoner in my own home - via ThePaper

Digital health reduces wait times by pulling Canadians out of the queue - via CNWNews

Your Next Health Tracker Might Be Powered by Your Own Stomach Acid - via ScienceAlert

Medically-Accurate Health Monitoring System Integrated in Smartphone Readied For FDA Approval - via BusinessWire

8 Technologies Poised to Disrupt US Healthcare in 2017 and Beyond - via hitconsultant

Iron Bow Technologies, Vivify Health Lands $258M VA Home Telehealth Contract - via hitconsultant

US Survey: More patients using connected med devices in remote monitoring/virtual healthcare - via mHealthIntel

Striiv and LifeQ Create Revolutionary Wrist Based Body Monitoring Platform - via YahooFinance

Telemedicine encounters inherently sacrifice quality - Thomas Paine MD - via [kevinmd](#)

SnapMD's Open API Platform available to develop telehealth applications - via [HealthITCentral](#)

The app that aims to tackle the chronic NHS midwife shortage - via [guardian](#)

MobileHelp(R) Launches Tablet Base Station - via [YahooFinance](#)

Continua: Telehealth Platform Saved Lives After Japan Earthquake - via [mHealthIntel](#)

Apple CEO thinks mHealth revenues will dwarf the $Trillion Smartphone market - via [Internetmeds](#)

Univ of Michigan: Text reminders help hypertensive patients adhere to medication regimens - via [CardioBusiness](#)

Survey: Chronic Care Patients Want an mHealth Connection With Their Doctor - via [mHealthIntel](#)

HIT trends: Voice AI, FHIR and 'quantified self' progress will be strong - via [HealthITNews](#)

The changing shape of mobile apps - via [ComputerWeekly](#)

American Well partners with Samsung Electronics for mobile telehealth - via [HealthITNews](#)

UNC Center for Health Innovation & AARP Collaborate on Digital Health Solutions for 50+ Population - via [newswise](#)

Transforming care/health through information & tech: Local Investment Programme (deadline 17 Mar) - via [LGAcomms](#)

We need to move beyond buzz in digital health to address practical realities of implementation - via [medcitynews](#)

MDLive expands to offer behavioral telemedicine services in all 50 states - via [MobiHealthNews](#)

Lenovo Health and Orbita launch voice-enabled home health assistant - via [MobiHealthNews](#)

@HealthFdn grants offer up to £75,000 for teams to improve care. Latest call open until 28 March - via [HealthFdn](#)

Smartwatches need to get better - via [TechCrunch](#)

The GP practice sharing data to transform care for homeless people - via [guardian](#)

To survive the cuts, libraries must put themselves at the heart of communities - via [guardian](#)

How mobile technology is transforming lives in rural India - via [TechCrunch](#)

An analysis of how NHS 111 has fared, especially over the winter period - via [NuffieldTrust](#)

'Risk-averse' NHS 111 sends more callers to A&E than previous service - via [guardian](#)

How drug development is speeding up in the cloud - via [BBCNews](#)

South Korean women will be first in world to have average life expectancy above 90, study suggests - via [BBCNews](#)

Great North Care Record signs up nearly all North East GP practices - via [digitalhealth2](#)

'We'll take those in care on day trips – for less than taxi cost - @DavidJ_Brindle looks at Oomph - via [guardian](#)

Walgreens shares value of digital, incentive-based activity & medication adherence program - via [MobiHealthNews](#)

From the U.S.: Amazon Alexa Can Now Help Diagnose What Ails You - via [FortuneTech](#)

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China struggling to sustain digital health initiatives - via [iMedicalApps](#)

IBM's CEO says AI will unlock golden era for health - via [digitalhealth2](#)

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Still buzzing: the people using pagers in 2017' - NHS - via [guardian](#)

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The 10,000 steps a day myth: can fitness apps do more harm than good? - via [Telegraph](#)

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Canada's health-care wait times get failing grade in survey of 11 industrialized countries - via [mtlgazette](#)

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Samsung to Showcase Healthcare Innovations with New Products and Solutions at HIMSS 2017 - via [BusinessWire](#)

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Tactio and Garmin Team Up to Make Telehealth Senior-Friendly - via [YahooFinance](#)

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