



Healthcare Weekly News and Deals – February 9th, 2026

1. **Weight-loss drugs to compete on biggest stage with Super Bowl ads ([Link](#))**
 - **Official NFL Super Bowl Commercials 2026- All Commercials ([Link](#))**
 - **Novo Nordisk (Wegovy):** Celebrity-filled oral weight-loss pill promo. ([Link](#))
 - **Hims & Hers:** Highlights wealth-health inequality gap. ([Link](#))
 - **Ro:** Serena Williams promotes GLP-1 telehealth. ([Link](#))
 - **Novartis:** Encourages prostate cancer blood test screening. ([Link](#))
 - **Boehringer Ingelheim:** Raises awareness for kidney disease screening. ([Link](#))
2. **TrumpRx launches with AstraZeneca, Eli Lilly, EMD Serono, Novo Nordisk, and Pfizer to offer discounted drugs for U.S. cash-paying patients under Most favoured Nation policy**

The TrumpRx direct-to-consumer platform introduces over 40 discounted prescription drugs to help uninsured or cash-paying U.S. patients access more affordable treatments. The initiative, backed by the first five pharmaceutical companies signing pricing deals under the Most Favoured Nation policy, includes major blockbusters such as Novo Nordisk's Wegovy and Eli Lilly's Zepbound, both offered at significantly reduced prices. Additional products include insulin, fertility therapies, and inhalers from Pfizer and others. Sixteen global drugmakers are expected to join the platform, which aims to align U.S. medication prices with international standards while reshaping the domestic pricing landscape and consumer access dynamics. ([Link](#))
3. **Takeda deepens AI drug discovery push with \$1.7 billion Iambic deal**

Takeda Pharmaceutical enters multi-year AI drug discovery collaboration with Iambic Therapeutics worth more than \$1.7 billion to accelerate small-molecule development in oncology, inflammation, and gastrointestinal diseases. The partnership underscores Takeda's push to fully integrate AI into its R&D engine, following prior deals like its Nabla Bio collaboration, as big pharma bets on AI to speed discovery, reduce costs, and target complex diseases more precisely. Iambic, a San Diego-based biotech with a growing pipeline of AI-discovered candidates, gains validation and funding to expand its platform amid surging interest in AI-driven drug design. ([Link](#))
4. **Once Upon a Farm (NYSE: OFRM) raises \$198M in NYSE IPO backed by Goldman Sachs and J.P. Morgan to expand organic children's food business co-founded by Jennifer Garner**

The company's public debut marks a major milestone for the organic children's food brand, offering 11 million shares at \$18 each. Founded by Cassandra Curtis and Ari Raz in 2015 and later joined by Jennifer Garner and John Foraker, Once Upon a Farm produces cold-pressed pouches, frozen meals, and oat bars made from responsibly sourced fruits and vegetables. The IPO strengthens its ability to meet rising consumer demand for clean, nutritious food products while amplifying its retail presence. Despite global supply challenges, the company aims to grow amid increasing momentum in the health-conscious food and beverage market. ([Link](#))

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5. **TenetHealthcare (NYSE: THC) receives \$1.9B from CommonSpirit to regain full ownership of Conifer Health Solutions**

Under the agreement, CommonSpirit will pay Tenet Healthcare \$1.9 billion in instalments over three years to sell its 23.8% equity stake in Conifer Health Solutions, Tenet's revenue cycle management subsidiary. The transaction, retroactive to January 1, 2026, also includes a \$540 million payment from Conifer to eliminate CommonSpirit's capital account and finalize the stake redemption. Conifer will continue providing services to CommonSpirit through the end of 2026 while onboarding new clients. Tenet expects the move to strengthen its financial outlook, citing operational efficiency, revenue growth, and strategic alignment as key drivers for sustaining profitability and future expansion. ([Link](#))

6. **PrimeGen US to merge with DT Cloud Star Acquisition Corporation (NASD: DTSQ) in a \$1.5B business combination to accelerate stem cell and exosome therapy development**

The merger will position PrimeGen US for public market access and expanded funding to advance its regenerative medicine portfolio. The company's lead program centers on its proprietary Triple Activated Mesenchymal Stem Cell (MSC) platform, being developed as a treatment for acute alcoholic hepatitis and other liver-related conditions. The deal, expected to close in the second half of 2026 pending shareholder and regulatory approvals, will support clinical progression, regulatory submissions, and potential commercialization. PrimeGen's leadership emphasized that the transaction marks a major step toward scaling its two-decade foundation in stem cell innovation into transformative therapies for critical diseases. ([Link](#))

7. **Eikon Therapeutics (NASD: EIKN) raises \$381M in upsized Nasdaq IPO, the largest biotech listing since 2024, led by former Merck executive Roger Perlmutter**

Proceeds from the public offering will fund the clinical advancement of Eikon's oncology pipeline, notably EIK1001, a toll-like receptor 7/8 agonist currently studied with Keytruda in melanoma and lung cancer. Additional programs include PARP1 inhibitors EIK1003 and EIK1004—targeting ovarian, breast, prostate, and pancreatic cancers—and EIK1005, a WRN helicase inhibitor in early-stage development for solid tumours. The company, founded in 2021, continues to build momentum on its immunotherapy and precision oncology strategy, backed by prior multimillion-dollar financing rounds that have supported rapid progression from preclinical research to multiple active phase 1/2 and 2/3 trials across critical cancer indications. ([Link](#))

8. **SpyGlass Pharma (NASD: SGP) launches \$150M Nasdaq IPO for advancing long-acting eye drug delivery innovation**

Funds from the IPO will advance SpyGlass Pharma's lead candidate, the Bimatoprost Drug Pad-IOL System, a long-acting intraocular lens designed to deliver sustained treatment for glaucoma and ocular hypertension. The device, implanted during cataract surgery, provides years of drug release, potentially eliminating the need for daily eye drops. Proceeds will support two phase 3 clinical trials already underway and a potential commercial rollout upon successful results. Early studies demonstrated significant intraocular pressure reduction, affirming the platform's promise. SpyGlass joins a wave of biotech companies reinvigorating the IPO market as investors renew interest in ophthalmic and drug-delivery innovations. ([Link](#))

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9. Agomab Therapeutics (NASD: AGMB) raises \$200M in Nasdaq IPO to support development of ALK5 inhibitors for fibrostenosing Crohn's disease and pulmonary fibrosis

Proceeds from the IPO will fund Agomab Therapeutics' next-stage clinical programs, including a global phase 2b trial for ontunisertib, its leading oral ALK5 inhibitor targeting fibro stenosing Crohn's disease. The company also plans to advance AGMB-447, another ALK5 inhibitor in phase 1 studies for idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis, toward midstage development. Both candidates were obtained through Agomab's 2021 acquisition of Origo Biopharma. The IPO proceeds will also bolster operational growth and global research capabilities as Agomab pursues fibrosis-modifying therapies aimed at halting disease progression in patients with chronic intestinal and respiratory conditions. ([Link](#))

10. Veradermics (NYSE: MANE) raises \$256M in NYSE IPO with investment interest from Eli Lilly and Wellington Management to advance oral minoxidil hair regrowth therapy

The Connecticut-based biotech's IPO marks a strong debut, with shares more than doubling in their first trading session. Veradermics focuses on developing VDPHL01, an extended-release oral version of minoxidil, intended to overcome limitations of topical Rogaine. The funds will support phase 3 trials evaluating its efficacy in treating pattern hair loss. Eli Lilly expressed interest in acquiring up to 4.9% of issued shares, while Wellington Management indicated plans to invest up to \$30 million. The company seeks to capture a major share of the expanding global hair loss market and lead innovation in convenient, effective hair restoration therapies. ([Link](#))

11. Kaiser Permanente and Renown Health complete joint venture to jointly own Hometown Health and expand integrated care access in northern Nevada

The finalized partnership marks Kaiser Permanente's entry into northern Nevada through the joint ownership of Hometown Health and collaboration with Renown Health's established provider network. The venture aims to expand access to affordable, value-based care while integrating insurance coverage and clinical delivery across the region. Kaiser Permanente will open two new medical centers in 2026, adding to its existing Reno location, and plans to introduce its digital health platform and in-house pharmacy network by 2027. The collaboration combines Kaiser Permanente's national capabilities with Renown's strong local presence to enhance clinical outcomes and improve patient experience across northern Nevada. ([Link](#))

12. NuvemRx acquires 340B referral technology company par8o from R1 RCM, via its financial sponsors Parthenon Capital Partners and Rainmaker Strategic Capital to enhance specialty care coordination and expand pharmacy network capabilities

The acquisition integrates par8o's AI-powered referral capture technology with NuvemRx's pharmacy management and third-party administration services, enabling covered entities to more efficiently manage 340B referrals and specialty prescriptions. The combined platform now supports over 800 covered entities and impacts more than 70 million patients nationwide. By automating up to 85% of the referral and eligibility process, the integration reduces administrative burdens, enhances compliance, and increases savings opportunities for safety-net providers. The move strengthens NuvemRx's mission to simplify pharmacy operations, expand access to affordable care, and improve coordination across community health and specialty care networks. ([Link](#))

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13. MedRisk to acquire Horizon Casualty Services PPO Network business from Horizon Mutual Holdings, via its financial sponsors CVC Capital Partners and The Carlyle Group to expand managed care capabilities in workers' compensation and auto casualty markets

The acquisition enhances MedRisk's reach and service offerings within the casualty claims industry by integrating Horizon Casualty Services' PPO Network business. The move aligns with MedRisk's strategy to deliver improved patient outcomes, streamlined claims management, and optimized payment solutions. The integration supports faster recovery times, smarter spending, and enhanced client value while reinforcing the company's commitment to innovation and superior service across workers' compensation and auto casualty markets. ([Link](#))

14. Coloplast discloses definitive agreement for Uromedica acquisition in Q1 2025/26 earnings Report

Coloplast US signs definitive merger agreement to acquire all outstanding shares of Uromedica, a privately held US medtech company specializing in minimally invasive treatments for stress urinary incontinence, making Uromedica a wholly owned subsidiary. The acquisition is expected to close in February 2026, subject to customary closing conditions and requisite Uromedica shareholder approval. The move aligns with Coloplast's strategy to bolster growth in urology through targeted additions, amid strong organic performance in the division. ([Link](#))

15. Konovo acquires Rare Patient Voice, via its financial sponsors Bain Capital Credit, Frazier Healthcare Partners, GV Investment Managers and Leavitt Equity Partners to expand access to 200,000+ patients and caregivers

The acquisition strengthens Konovo's healthcare intelligence platform by combining its data-driven capabilities and healthcare provider network with Rare Patient Voice's extensive, community-driven database of patients and caregivers. This integration enhances the ability of researchers to access hard-to-reach populations and capture real-world patient insights across therapeutic areas. Konovo plans to scale these efforts globally while integrating patient and clinician perspectives into unified, technology-enabled research solutions. The partnership drives faster, more informed decision-making for healthcare organizations advancing innovation in complex diseases. ([Link](#))

16. RadNet (NASD: RDNT) acquires Northwest Radiology in Indiana, adding six imaging centers to expand Midwest footprint and enhance AI-powered diagnostic services

The acquisition marks RadNet's entry into Indiana, extending its national imaging network into the Midwest through six outpatient centers in the Indianapolis region. Northwest Radiology's 18 radiologists will continue providing contracted professional services, ensuring continuity and maintaining strong local physician relationships. The integration will leverage RadNet's advanced imaging technologies and AI-driven workflows to improve early disease detection and overall population health management. With the addition expected to generate approximately \$18 million in annual revenue, RadNet aims to expand its proactive diagnostic approach while strengthening patient access to high-quality, cost-effective imaging care across Indiana. ([Link](#))

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17. Nautic Partners completes growth investment in KabaFusion as Novo Holdings exits, supporting expansion of home infusion care services

The partnership marks a new phase for KabaFusion, a national leader in home and alternate site infusion therapy. With operations covering 45 states through 33 pharmacies and 21 infusion suites, the company will leverage Nautic Partners' investment to accelerate its growth and innovation initiatives. KabaFusion's management team, which remains significant investors, will continue leading the organization to enhance patient access and clinical excellence. The investment underscores Nautic's strategy of backing mission-driven healthcare providers delivering high-quality, patient-centered care, marking the exit of Novo Holdings following its successful tenure supporting KabaFusion's nationwide expansion. ([Link](#))

18. Black Pearl Equities Announces Intention to Commence Tender Offer to Acquire Selectis Health, Inc.

Black Pearl Equities, LLC announces intention to commence an all-cash tender offer to acquire all issued and outstanding shares of common stock of Selectis Health, Inc. (OTC: GBCS) at \$4.00 per share. The proposed transaction is subject to negotiation and execution of definitive transaction documentation as well as customary closing conditions. Selectis Health operates skilled nursing and transitional care facilities, and this unsolicited proposal follows the company's recent asset sales and operational streamlining efforts. ([Link](#))

19. Vanderbilt Health acquires Tennova's Clarksville Hospital, Tennova ER-Sango, and physician clinics from Community Health Systems to expand regional care network

The acquisition expands Vanderbilt Health's footprint across Middle Tennessee, adding the 270-bed Clarksville hospital, freestanding Sango ER, and multiple physician practices to its growing regional system. Vanderbilt Clarksville Hospital (VCH) will serve as a hub for expanded emergency, surgical, and specialty services, with new paediatric and adult programs planned in collaboration with Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital. The integration brings nearly 1,100 staff and over 30 physicians into Vanderbilt's network, reinforcing its commitment to delivering high-quality, community-based care. The move marks Vanderbilt's fourth regional hospital acquisition, extending its reach beyond Nashville and strengthening access to advanced health services statewide. ([Link](#))

Venture and Other News

1. Midi Health closes \$100M Series D in Goodwater Capital-led round with Foresite Capital, Serena Ventures, Advance Venture Partners, GV, Emerson Collective, SemperVirens and McKesson Ventures to scale national women's health platform

The virtual women's health clinic now serves over 230,000 patients across 50 states through a network of 500 providers, treating 25,000 patients weekly. Founded in 2021 to address perimenopause and menopause care, the company is expanding into metabolic health, weight management, and musculoskeletal health. The platform uses AI-powered tools for chart analysis, scheduling, and care protocols while offering insurance-backed services reaching 45 million women. The company reports improved screening adherence rates and up to 13% lower total cost of care, with plans to expand Medicare and Medicaid coverage. ([Link](#))

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2. Chamber raises \$60M Series A led by Frist Cressey Ventures with General Catalyst, AlleyCorp, American Family Ventures, Company Ventures, Optum Ventures, Healthworx Ventures and Black Opal Ventures to scale cardiology value-based care

The funding will accelerate Chamber's mission to modernize cardiovascular care through value-based models that improve outcomes while lowering costs. The company's platform integrates AI-driven insights to help cardiologists identify high-risk patients, close care gaps, and streamline workflows within existing systems. Partnering with both payers and practices, Chamber supports data-informed, proactive management of chronic heart disease. With more than 500 cardiologists across seven states already on its network, the company plans to expand its national footprint and strengthen partnerships with health plans. The investment underscores growing momentum behind value-based innovations addressing cardiovascular care delivery and patient experience. ([Link](#))

3. Alaffia Health raises \$55M Series B led by Transformation Capital with FirstMark Capital, Tau Ventures, and Twine Ventures to expand AI-driven health plan operations

The latest funding round accelerates Alaffia Health's mission to reduce healthcare's \$570 billion in administrative waste through advanced, clinically informed AI for health plan claims management. The company's platform combines physician oversight with agentic AI to enhance accuracy, speed reviews, and achieve measurable cost savings for national and regional payers. Delivering over 20% savings on high-cost claims and fivefold ROI, Alaffia plans to use the new capital for R&D, product innovation, and scaling adoption across the healthcare ecosystem. The investment supports ongoing efforts to create transparent, compliant, and efficient claims infrastructure that strengthens affordability and systemwide operational performance. ([Link](#))

4. Third Arc Bio raises \$52M Series A extension led by Andreessen Horowitz with Omega Funds, Goldman Sachs Alternatives, BVF Partners, T. Rowe Price, Galapagos NV, AbbVie Ventures and Alderline Group to advance oncology and immunology pipeline

The funding strengthens Third Arc Bio's efforts to expand its multifunctional antibody programs in oncology and immunology. The capital will accelerate clinical development of the company's lead asset, ARC101—a bispecific T cell engager targeting CLDN6 in advanced solid tumours—while advancing next-generation inflammation and immune modulation candidates toward human trials. Leveraging its ARCTag (Tethered Agonist) platform, Third Arc Bio aims to localize immune activity precisely at disease sites, enhancing efficacy and reducing systemic toxicity. Supported by a seasoned scientific team, the company continues to validate its platform approach to develop targeted biologics addressing major unmet medical needs. ([Link](#))

Market Rumours

1. Seed Health reportedly retains Centerview Partners to explore potential sale amid strong financial performance

Seed Health has reportedly hired Centerview Partners to advise on a potential sale as it attracts strong interest from strategic and private equity buyers. Generating about \$200 million in revenue and over \$50 million in EBITDA, the company aims to leverage rising global demand for premium probiotics and wellness products.

2. HHAeXchange reportedly explores sale with Centerview Partners advising; backed by Cressey & Company and Hg Capital

The company, generating about \$100 million in recurring revenue, develops software that streamlines compliance and operations for Medicaid homecare providers. Having expanded through acquisitions of Sandata Technologies, Generations Homecare Systems, and Cashe Software, it reflects growing investor interest in post-acute healthcare tech consolidation during ongoing strategic review discussions.