



## Healthcare Weekly News and Deals – March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026

- 1. Race to Contain Iran War Oil Shock as Crude Surges Past \$100 Dollars, Markets Slide and Fears Grow Over Prolonged Energy Disruption and Global Inflation Spike.**  
G7 finance ministers are preparing an emergency meeting to discuss a possible coordinated release of strategic oil reserves after the Iran war pushed crude above 100 dollars a barrel for the first time since 2022, with Brent briefly nearing 120 dollars. The US-Israel conflict with Iran has severely disrupted shipments through the Strait of Hormuz, a route that normally carries about a fifth of global oil, driving a sharp spike in crude and gas prices and triggering stock-market falls. G7 officials fear prolonged fighting could keep energy flows constrained, entrench higher inflation and slow global growth. ([Link](#))
- 2. Universal Health Services (NYSE: UHS) to Acquire Talkspace (NASDAQ: TALK) for \$5.25/Share in \$835 Million All-Cash Deal to Build National Virtual Behavioral Health Platform**  
Universal Health Services (UHS) has signed a definitive agreement to acquire virtual behavioral health provider Talkspace for \$5.25 per share, implying an enterprise value of about \$835 million, funded via UHS's existing revolving credit facility. Talkspace, which generated roughly \$229 million in 2025 revenue and delivered more than 1.6 million therapy and psychiatry sessions, brings a network of about 6,000 licensed professionals across all U.S. states, D.C. and Puerto Rico. UHS expects the deal, unanimously approved by both boards and targeted to close in Q3 2026 pending shareholder and regulatory approvals, to be slightly accretive to adjusted EPS in the first year and to accelerate its outpatient and telehealth behavioral health strategy. ([Link](#))
- 3. Agilent Technologies (NYSE: A) to Acquire Biocare Medical for \$950 Million Cash, Expanding High-Growth Pathology Antibody Platform and Targeting EPS Accretion Within 12 Months**  
Agilent Technologies (NYSE: A) has signed a definitive agreement to acquire Biocare Medical, a high-growth clinical pathology specialist, in an all-cash deal valued at \$950 million. Biocare, a leader in IHC, ISH and FISH solutions with more than 300 antibodies and over \$90 million of 2025 revenue, has delivered double-digit revenue and profit growth since 2021. The transaction will expand Agilent's pathology portfolio, strengthen its U.S. footprint and accelerate antibody menu development. Management expects the deal to be accretive to growth, margins and non-instrument mix in year one and to EPS about 12 months post-close. ([Link](#))
- 4. Saisystems Health and Serent Capital Partner to Scale AI-Enabled RCM and EHR Solutions**  
Saisystems Health, a provider of technology-enabled revenue cycle management (RCM) and electronic health records (EHR) for post-acute care, has announced a strategic partnership with private equity firm Serent Capital. While the specific financial terms were not disclosed, the investment is aimed at accelerating Saisystems' product innovation, specifically enhancing its AI capabilities to streamline clinical workflows and financial performance for skilled nursing facilities and physician groups. The partnership leverages Serent's expertise in scaling healthcare technology companies to expand Saisystems' market footprint. ([Link](#))

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### 5. [Integration Health Expands Portfolio with Acquisition of Perfusion Life via its financial sponsor 1315 Capital](#)

Integration Health has successfully completed the acquisition of Perfusion Life, a leading provider of perfusion staffing and management services. This strategic move is designed to bolster Integration Health's clinical service offerings across hospitals and surgical centers. By integrating Perfusion Life's specialized expertise, Integration Health aims to optimize cardiovascular surgical support and staffing efficiency. The acquisition reflects a broader strategy of consolidating niche clinical services to provide a more comprehensive, integrated care delivery model for healthcare systems nationwide. [\(Link\)](#)

### 6. [Surgery Partners Acquires Preferred Vascular Group to Expand Multispecialty Surgical Platform its financial sponsor Bain Capital](#)

Surgery Partners, Inc. has acquired Preferred Vascular Group (PVG), a provider of vascular care services. This acquisition integrates PVG's high-quality vascular access centers into Surgery Partners' extensive national network of ambulatory surgical centers. The deal is intended to enhance Surgery Partners' specialty care capabilities, particularly in the outpatient vascular space, providing patients with more accessible and cost-effective treatment options. This move aligns with the industry trend of shifting high-acuity procedures to lower-cost, outpatient environments. [\(Link\)](#)

### 7. [Gedeon Richter Expands Women's Health Portfolio through Acquisition of Celmatix's Drug Discovery Assets](#)

Global pharmaceutical company Gedeon Richter has acquired the women's health drug discovery portfolio from Celmatix Inc. The deal includes several preclinical programs focused on first-in-class treatments for conditions such as PCOS and endometriosis. This acquisition strengthens Gedeon Richter's position as a leader in women's healthcare by integrating Celmatix's AI-driven "Transcriptomic Cohort" data to identify novel therapeutic targets. The partnership emphasizes a shared commitment to addressing underserved medical needs in reproductive health through cutting-edge genomic research and clinical development. [\(Link\)](#)

### 8. [Quantum Health Bolsters Virtual Care Strategy with Acquisition of CirrusMD via its financial sponsors Great Hill Partners and Warburg Pincus,](#)

Quantum Health, a leading consumer healthcare navigation company, has acquired CirrusMD, a provider of physician-led integrated virtual care. This acquisition enables Quantum Health to integrate CirrusMD's "text-first" virtual care platform into its navigation services, offering members immediate access to physicians. The synergy aims to reduce healthcare costs and improve outcomes by closing gaps in care through early intervention. The deal reflects Quantum Health's strategy to provide a seamless, end-to-end healthcare experience that combines human navigation with advanced digital health tools. [\(Link\)](#)

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### 9. TPG Capital Partners with Findhelp to Enhance Social Care Access for Underserved Populations

Global alternative asset firm TPG, through its Rise Fund, has partnered with Findhelp, the leading social care network in the United States. The investment is geared toward scaling Findhelp's platform, which connects individuals in need with local social service organizations. TPG's involvement will support Findhelp in expanding its reach among healthcare providers, insurers, and government agencies. By addressing social determinants of health (SDOH), the partnership aims to improve health outcomes and equity for millions of Americans by streamlining the referral process for food, housing, and financial assistance. ([Link](#))

### 10. American Reproductive Centers Acquires Mississippi Fertility Institute for \$4.25 Million

Alabama-based American Reproductive Centers (ARC) has expanded its regional presence by acquiring the Mississippi Fertility Institute in a deal valued at \$4.25 million. This acquisition is part of ARC's strategic effort to increase access to advanced reproductive technologies and fertility treatments across the Southeast. By integrating the Jackson-based clinic into its network, ARC plans to upgrade facilities and introduce new clinical protocols to improve patient success rates. The deal underscores a growing trend of regional consolidation within the highly specialized fertility and IVF market. ([Link](#))

### 11. DoseSpot and Arrive Health Merge to Improve Prescription Access and Price Transparency via its financial sponsors Bain Capital Tech Opportunities, PSG and UPMC Enterprises

DoseSpot, a leading e-prescribing platform, and Arrive Health, a provider of real-time prescription benefit tools, have announced a merger. This combination aims to create a unified platform that integrates clinical workflows with financial transparency, allowing clinicians to see accurate drug pricing at the point of care. The merger is designed to improve medication adherence and reduce administrative burdens for providers. By joining forces, the entities seek to solve the critical challenge of drug affordability, ensuring patients can access the most cost-effective medications prescribed by their doctors. ([Link](#))

### 12. Adobe Population Health Acquires Eventa LLC to Integrate Respiratory Care Solutions

Adobe Population Health has expanded its clinical service suite through the acquisition of Eventa LLC, a specialist in respiratory care management. This acquisition allows Adobe to offer specialized services for patients with chronic respiratory conditions, such as COPD and asthma, within its population health management framework. By incorporating Eventa's expertise, Adobe aims to reduce hospital readmissions and improve the quality of life for high-risk patient populations. The move highlights Adobe's commitment to building a comprehensive, multi-disciplinary approach to managing complex chronic diseases. ([Link](#))

### 13. Freeman Health System to Acquire Four Arkansas Hospitals from Community Health Systems (CHS)

Community Health Systems (CHS) has signed a definitive agreement to sell four of its Arkansas-based hospitals to Freeman Health System. The transaction includes facilities in El Dorado, Springdale, and Bentonville. This divestiture is part of CHS's ongoing portfolio optimization strategy to focus on core markets. For Freeman Health System, the acquisition represents a significant geographic expansion, allowing the non-profit system to provide a broader continuum of care to

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residents in the Arkansas region while investing in facility upgrades and expanded clinical services. [\(Link\)](#)

### 14. MUSC Health Expands Statewide with \$111 Million Acquisition of Palmetto Primary Care

MUSC Health has announced a \$111 million deal to acquire Palmetto Primary Care Physicians, one of the largest independent multi-specialty groups in South Carolina. This strategic acquisition significantly broadens MUSC's primary care footprint, adding over 100 providers across 30 locations. The investment is focused on creating a more seamless "hub-and-spoke" model of care, ensuring patients have easier access to MUSC's specialized academic medical services through their local primary care offices. The deal reflects MUSC's mission to provide comprehensive, integrated healthcare coverage throughout the state. [\(Link\)](#)

### 15. Seal Shield Acquires Vioguard to Expand UV-C Sanitization Solutions in Healthcare

Seal Shield, a leader in medical-grade infection control hardware, has acquired Vioguard, a pioneer in UV-C LED disinfection technology. This acquisition enhances Seal Shield's portfolio of sanitization solutions designed to eliminate pathogens on high-touch surfaces in clinical environments. By integrating Vioguard's patented UV-C technology, Seal Shield aims to offer more robust, automated disinfection tools to hospitals and clinics, helping to reduce healthcare-associated infections (HAIs). The deal positions Seal Shield as a comprehensive provider of both antimicrobial hardware and advanced disinfection systems. [\(Link\)](#)

### 16. National Healthcare Properties and Discovery Senior Living Complete \$64 Million Acquisition

National Healthcare Properties, in partnership with Discovery Senior Living, has closed a \$64 million acquisition of a senior housing portfolio. This investment is part of a broader strategy to modernize and expand senior living communities to meet the rising demand for high-quality assisted living and memory care services. Discovery Senior Living will manage the properties, implementing its "experiential" living model. The deal highlights the continued interest of institutional real estate investors in the senior housing sector, driven by favorable demographic trends and the need for specialized care facilities. [\(Link\)](#)

### 17. Patient Advocate Foundation and PAN Foundation Announce Landmark Merger

The Patient Advocate Foundation (PAF) and the Patient Access Network (PAN) Foundation have announced their intention to merge, creating a powerhouse in the patient assistance sector. This merger will combine PAF's case management and navigation services with PAN's financial assistance programs for underinsured patients. By joining forces, the organizations aim to provide a more holistic support system for individuals facing life-threatening and chronic illnesses. The unified entity will focus on reducing financial barriers to care and improving health equity through expanded advocacy and direct patient support services. [\(Link\)](#)

## Venture and Other News:

- 1. Minnesota Medical Technologies Secures \$20 Million Series A Led by Versant Ventures**  
Minnesota Medical Technologies (MMT) has closed a \$20 million Series A funding round led by Versant Ventures, with participation from existing investors. MMT is a medical device firm focused on developing innovative solutions for urological and GI health. The capital will be used to accelerate the development and clinical validation of its flagship fecal incontinence treatment device. MMT aims to address a significant unmet need in the market with its minimally invasive technology, and the new funding will support the company's path toward FDA clearance and commercial launch in the U.S. market. ([Link](#))
- 2. Illumia Ventures Leads \$20.5M Series B in Greater Good Health; DaVita Venture Group and Blue Cross of Idaho's Granite Financial Join, with \$12.5M Debt Facility from HSBC Innovation Banking**  
Greater Good Health, a value-based primary care provider centered on nurse practitioners, raised \$20.5 million in Series B funding led by Allumia Ventures, with participation from DaVita Venture Group, Granite Financial Holdings (Blue Cross of Idaho's investment arm), and existing investors including Optum Ventures and Flare Capital Partners. The company also secured up to \$12.5 million in venture debt from HSBC Innovation Banking. Serving over 200,000 patients, Greater Good Health will use the funds to expand its value-based care model, deepen payer partnerships, and extend its geographic footprint, addressing primary care shortages and rising healthcare costs nationwide. ([Link](#))
- 3. NexCure Raises \$19 Million Series A to Advance Immuno-Oncology Pipeline**  
NexCure, a clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company, has successfully raised \$19 million in a Series A funding round. While specific lead investors were not named in initial reports, the round included participation from several prominent life science venture firms. The funding will be directed toward advancing NexCure's lead candidate through Phase 1 clinical trials and supporting the discovery of new drug targets for cancer immunotherapy. NexCure utilizes a proprietary functional screening platform to identify novel proteins that modulate the immune system, aiming to develop therapies for patients who do not respond to existing treatments. ([Link](#))
- 4. Sage Secures \$65 Million Series C Led by Goldman Sachs including ANEW Capital and Maveron to Scale AI Senior Care Platform**  
Sage, a technology platform designed to modernize eldercare, has raised \$65 million in a Series C funding round led by Goldman Sachs Asset Management. The round also saw participation from ANEW Capital and Maveron. Sage's platform uses AI to help senior living staff monitor residents more effectively, prioritizing care based on real-time data to prevent emergencies. This new capital will be used to scale Sage's operations, enhance its AI algorithms, and expand its reach into more senior living communities across the United States, addressing the critical staffing shortages in the industry. ([Link](#))
- 5. Science Corporation Closes \$230 Million Series C to Commercialize BCI Retinal Implant backed by Founders Fund, Lux Capital, and Paradigm**  
Science Corporation, a leader in brain-computer interface (BCI) technology, has raised \$230 million in a Series C round. The funding was backed by a diverse group of investors, including Founders

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Fund, Lux Capital, and Paradigm. The capital is earmarked for the commercialization of its PRIMA retinal implant, a sub-retinal device designed to restore vision in patients with geographic atrophy due to age-related macular degeneration. Following successful clinical results, Science Corp aims to use this massive infusion of capital to build out its manufacturing capabilities and prepare for a global product launch. [\(Link\)](#)

### 6. UnityAI Raises \$8.5 Million Seed Round to Deploy AI Agents for Healthcare Workforce led by Max Ventures and General Catalyst

UnityAI has secured \$8.5 million in seed funding led by Max Ventures and General Catalyst. The startup is developing AI-driven "agents" designed to automate administrative tasks and optimize patient flow within hospital settings. The goal of the technology is to alleviate the burnout experienced by healthcare workers by handling scheduling, bed management, and documentation. This initial capital will allow UnityAI to expand its engineering team and launch pilot programs with several large health systems, proving the efficacy of AI in managing complex hospital operations and improving staff retention. [\(Link\)](#)

### 7. Grow Therapy Hits \$3 Billion Valuation Following New Funding Round Led by TCV with participation from Transformation Capital and SignalFire

Mental health platform Grow Therapy has reached a "unicorn" valuation of \$3 billion after a new funding round led by TCV, with participation from Transformation Capital and SignalFire. Grow Therapy provides an integrated platform that helps independent therapists manage their practices while connecting patients with affordable, insurance-covered mental health care. The fresh capital will be used to further develop its AI-driven matching tools and expand its network of providers. The high valuation underscores the surging investor interest in mental health startups that solve the accessibility and affordability crisis. [\(Link\)](#)

### 8. KeyCare Raises \$27.4 Million to Scale AI-Powered Epic-Based Virtual Care featuring 8VC, LRVHealth, and Health Catalyst Capital

KeyCare, the nation's first Epic-based virtual care company, has raised \$27.4 million in a funding round featuring 8VC, LRVHealth, and Health Catalyst Capital. KeyCare allows health systems to expand their virtual care capacity by providing access to a network of independent "virtualist" providers who share the same EHR platform. This funding will support the expansion of KeyCare's AI capabilities, which help triaging patients and streamlining the virtual visit process. By staying within the Epic ecosystem, KeyCare ensures seamless data sharing and continuity of care between virtual visits and in-person health system services. [\(Link\)](#)

### 9. Polares Medical Raises \$50 Million Series C for U.S. Expansion of Mitral Valve Technology led by Decheng Capital and Endeavour Vision

Polares Medical, a clinical-stage medical device company, has closed a \$50 million Series C round led by Decheng Capital and Endeavour Vision. The company is developing the MRace Mitral Reshaping System, a hemi-replacement technology for treating mitral regurgitation. The funding will support the company's expansion of clinical trials in the United States and the pursuit of regulatory approvals. Polares aims to provide a more physiological solution for heart valve repair, and this investment signifies strong investor confidence in the company's unique approach to structural heart disease. [\(Link\)](#)

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### 10. Teen-Built AI Calorie App "Cal AI" Generates \$40 Million and Gains Interest from MyFitnessPal

Cal AI, an AI-powered calorie-tracking app built by a 19-year-old entrepreneur during high school, has reportedly generated \$40 million in revenue and attracted significant investment interest, including talks with MyFitnessPal and various Silicon Valley VCs. The app uses advanced computer vision to estimate caloric intake from photos of food with high accuracy. The success of the app highlights the power of "solopreneur" developers in the AI space. While a formal venture round hasn't been closed, the founder is currently evaluating offers to scale the technology into a broader metabolic health platform. ([Link](#))

### 11. Ease Health Emerges from Stealth with \$41 Million Led by Andreessen Horowitz (a16z) with support from Benchmark and F-Prime Capital.

Ease Health has launched with \$41 million in funding led by Andreessen Horowitz (a16z), with support from Benchmark and F-Prime Capital. The company is building what it describes as the "operating system for behavioral health," a comprehensive software suite that integrates clinical notes, billing, and patient engagement for mental health clinics. By automating the "back-office" burden, Ease Health aims to allow therapists to focus more on patient care. The investment will be used to scale the platform nationally and integrate AI tools that help clinicians track patient progress over time. ([Link](#))

### 12. Procode AI Raises \$4 Million in Seed Funding to Automate Medical Coding round led by Eniac Ventures and Afore Capital

Procode AI, a startup utilizing generative AI to automate medical coding and billing, has raised \$4 million in a seed round led by Eniac Ventures and Afore Capital. The company's platform analyzes clinical documentation in real-time to assign accurate medical codes, reducing errors and speeding up the reimbursement process for providers. This funding will be used to enhance the platform's accuracy across different medical specialties and to expand the sales team. Procode AI enters a competitive market but aims to differentiate itself through its deep integration with existing EHR systems. ([Link](#))