This Week in Health Tech

HIStalk's 5 Top Stories in 60 Seconds

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#1 NIH Aggregates Data to Support Autism Research Initiative

💡 **What Happened:**

NIH aggregates data from multiple sources to support a HHS-mandated autism research initiative.

🤔 **Why It Matters:**

HHS has launched the research initiative, along with plans to create a disease registry that will track Americans with autism, to determine the cause of the disorder within the next six months.

#2 The White House Demands 23andMe Data Accountability

💡 **What Happened:**

The House Oversight Committee investigates 23andMe's bankruptcy and handling of consumer data.

🥵 **Why It Matters:**

Consumers and federal lawmakers worry that the sale of the company, which has amassed the genetic information of millions of people, could result in a "national security disaster."

#3 UnitedHealth Group Shares Tank on Q1 Results

💡 **What Happened:**

UnitedHealth Group's dismal Q1 results send shares down more than 20%.

🫣 **Why It Matters:**

UnitedHealth Group's quarterly report results in the company's first earnings miss since 2008 and revised guidance for 2025.

#4 CISA Advises Legacy Oracle Cloud Users to Take Action

💡 **What Happened:**

CISA advises that users of the legacy Oracle cloud environment take precautions after a recent breach.

🤯 **Why It Matters:**

The federal Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency issues its advisory after a hacker allegedly exfiltrated 6 million records that could affect 140,000 Oracle Cloud tenants.

#5 Assort Health Raises $26 Million

💡 **What Happened:**

Patient call management company Assort Health announces $26 million in funding.

🤔 **Why It Matters:**

The company, which offers AI-powered incoming call management software for patient scheduling, is working to help providers shorten the length of time – typically 35 minutes – patients wait on the phone to schedule an appointment.

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