This Week in Health Tech

HIStalk's 5 Top Stories in 60 Seconds

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#1 Misuse of AI Chatbots Deemed Tech Hazard

💡 **What Happened:**

ECRI puts "misuse of AI chatbots" at the top of its tech hazards list for 2026.

🫨 **Why It Matters:**

The top ranking of healthcare's shiniest new object calls into question the focus companies like OpenAI, OpenEvidence, and Anthropic (which is raising billions of dollars in a new funding round) have on patient safety.

#2 Epic Fights Texas, Hears from Health Gorilla

💡 **What Happened:**

Epic deals with lawsuits involving the Texas AG and Health Gorilla.

🥸 **Why It Matters:**

Epic refutes antitrust and non-compliant parental access allegations brought forth by the Texas AG and asks that the suit be dismissed, while simultaneously filing suit against Health Gorilla for allegedly providing law firms with access to medical records.

#3 Tandem Reaches $1 Billion Valuation

💡 **What Happened:**

Tandem's new funding puts its valuation at $1 billion.

🤯 **Why It Matters:**

The company will use $100 million in new funding to expand its solutions for automating prescription workflows.

#4 Rapid Care Acquires DeepDoc

💡 **What Happened:**

Rapid Care acquires DeepDoc.

🤔 **Why It Matters:**

Rapid Care will add DeepDoc's AI-powered medical record insights and summaries solutions to its clinical documentation, records review, and revenue cycle management services.

#5 Harmony Healthcare IT Acquires Blue Elm

💡 **What Happened:**

Harmony Healthcare IT acquires Meditech solutions provider Blue Elm.

🤯 **Why It Matters:**

The acquisition strengthens Harmony Healthcare IT's Meditech-specific health data management and archiving solutions.

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