Major general practice software suppliers agree to share patient data
13th March 2015 Source: HSJ

England’s two biggest general practice software suppliers have struck a long awaited agreement to share patient record data between their systems.

Technology identities explain under- and non-adoption of community-based point-of-care tests in the UK NHS
9th March 2015 Source: Embase

This study applies the concept of 'technology identities' to explain non-adoption and alleged under-adoption of a number of technologies in the NHS. Methods: As part of a qualitative comparative case study of (non)adoption of eight device technologies using in-depth stakeholder interviews and documentary analysis, we compared two point-of-care test (POCT) technologies: C-reactive protein (CRP) to rule out bacterial infection in acute cough in primary care, and near-patient (NPT) or self-testing of blood coagulation (INR) for patients taking warfarin.

Conclusions: Technology identities (attributes that healthcare technologies acquire in the course of often contested deliberations about adoption) shape the pathway that (non)adoption takes; the concept can be used to explain and manage adoption and non-adoption.

The future is now: Innovations in health care happening today
19th February 2015 Source: King’s Fund

This new digital report brings to life examples of innovative practice from England and overseas to provide insight into future ways of changing health care for the better.

NHS Innovation Challenge: From small Acorns grow mighty winners
19th March 2015 Source: HSJ

The NHS Innovation Challenge Prize ceremony, held in Manchester last month, featured five Acorn challenge winners. Here we find out how each winning entry impacted on patient care

The Acorn challenge focuses on small ideas that make a big difference to patient care, with each award winning entry receiving £10,000.
The way technology is successfully being used to drive healthcare delivery shows the potential of using innovative systems in the UK. Matthew Shelley considers avatars, eHealth platforms and wireless monitoring.