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New guideline focuses on addressing everyday climate-linked health risks

China has issued a new national guideline to address climate-linked health risks like pollen allergies and cold-aggravated joint pain. It aims to integrate meteorological data into healthcare, tourism, and elderly care through tailored warning systems and health advice. The plan includes creating a national climate-health resource map to develop localized recuperation programs. **(China Daily)**

Commercial prospects for AI healthcare to expand

China's AI healthcare market, valued at 106 billion yuan (12.9 billion euro) in 2024, is accelerating towards broader commercialization. Supported by national policies, AI applications in areas like pathology diagnostics and chronic disease management are becoming reimbursable, clarifying payment pathways. Regions like Beijing and Shanghai are establishing AI medical pilot bases. **(China Daily)**

Guangzhou hospitals expand use of cell, gene therapies

Hospitals in Guangzhou are expanding the clinical use of cell and gene therapies, treating conditions such as liver failure, knee osteoarthritis, and Parkinson's disease. For instance, knee osteoarthritis patients have shown significant symptom relief after receiving cell therapy injections. Researchers are also using stem cells to generate anti-tumor immune cells and create replacement neurons for Parkinson's treatment. **(China Daily)**

Chinese researchers develop eye surgery robot

Chinese researchers have created an autonomous eye surgery robot capable of performing delicate retinal injections. In animal tests, it achieved 100% success and reduced positioning errors by nearly 80% compared to manual surgery. The system uses algorithms for 3D perception and cross-scale positioning to operate within the confined space of the eye. **(Xinhua)**

Funeral services by hospitals banned

China has prohibited all medical institutions from providing or outsourcing funeral services, including morgue operations and sales of related supplies, to curb exploitation of bereaved families. The regulation aims to ensure dignified handling of the deceased and refocus hospitals on their core healthcare duties. It follows a nationwide anti-corruption campaign targeting irregularities in the funeral industry. **(China Daily)**