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Portable AI-powered ultrasound receives emergency use approval

China has granted emergency use authorization to a handheld AI-powered ultrasound device designed for ambulances and remote clinics. The device, priced 80% lower than conventional systems, can be operated by non-specialists with AI guidance identifying critical conditions like internal bleeding. In trials, it reduced pre-hospital diagnostic time by 65% for trauma and cardiac emergencies. **(National Medical Products Administration)**

National platform for cross-hospital electronic health records goes live

A unified national platform enabling secure cross-hospital electronic health record (EHR) access has officially launched. Patients can now grant any authorized hospital instant access to their consolidated medical history, eliminating repeated tests. The system currently links 85% of tertiary hospitals, with full secondary hospital coverage expected by year-end. Early data shows a 40% reduction in duplicate imaging and lab tests. **(National Health Commission)**

China's first hospital-at-home program for cancer therapy expands nationally

Following a successful pilot, China's first national "hospital-at-home" program for certain cancer therapies is expanding to 30 cities. Eligible patients can receive immunotherapy infusions and monitoring by specialized nurses at home, supported by remote oncologist supervision. The program reported a 25% reduction in hospital-acquired infections and a 90% patient satisfaction rate. **(China National Cancer Center)**

AI algorithm cuts antibiotic overprescription in primary care by 35%

An AI clinical decision support system piloted in 1,200 community health centers reduced inappropriate antibiotic prescriptions for respiratory infections by 35%. The system analyzes symptoms and local resistance patterns to provide real-time prescribing guidance to doctors. The pilot also saw a 20% drop in antibiotic-related adverse events. **(China Daily)**

Mental health service coverage extends to 90% of counties and districts

China has extended basic public mental health service coverage to 90% of its counties and districts, meeting a key 2025 target ahead of schedule. The expansion adds 2,000 community-based counseling centers and trains 50,000 grassroots mental health workers. Service utilization in newly covered areas has increased by 150% year-on-year. The initiative is part of a broader effort to integrate mental health into primary care. **(National Health Commission)**