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Is Blockchain the new internet? The internet transformed business and personal communication. Blockchain will do this for complex data distribution.

There are millions of Bill Gateses working in their garages. This time they are all connected. Plus, the biggest companies in the world are throwing billions into R&D.

Think how your world has been changed in the past 20-25 years. Imagine that and more occurring in the next 7-10. Playing catch-up may not be an option this time.

– Sean Manion, PhD

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BLOCKCHAIN HEALTHCARE NEWS

Scientific Data Doctoring: Could Blockchain Technology Help Stamp It Out?

A few high-profile examples of data doctoring (perhaps most infamously the case of the non-existent link between the MMR vaccine and autism) have led to constant questioning of scientific research data, results, and conclusions, often at the highest levels of authority. This, combined with a seemingly growing rate of paper retractions, has led to diminishing trust in science and scientists.


[Editor’s note: We highlighted this problem/solution more than a year ago, https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/science-blockchained-2025-sean-manion/ - Science Distributed is tackling this problem.]

Q&A: George Church and company on genomic sequencing, blockchain, and better drugs

Harvard University geneticist George Church has co-founded a new company to help individuals share and market their genomes.

Say there’s a database where they can ask, “Do you have anyone 45 years old who lives downstream from certain factories who either wants to serve as a control or a case in a study?” If you happen to fit that bill, they’ll say, “We’ll pay for this.”


[Editor's note: Nebula is not the first company to head down the blockchain genomics route (e.g. Encrypgen, Luna DNA, ARNA Genomics, etc.). However, Dr. Church’s involvement is notable].
**VitalHub Brings Blockchain Technology to Mental Health**

VitalHub introduced a blockchain-based interoperability solution on February 7, 2018. This solution, named "WellLinc," aims to reduce the friction associated with patient records by using blockchain technology to enable an exchange of critical patient health data across a continuum of care.

https://www.nasdaq.com/article/vitalhub-brings-blockchain-technology-to-mental-health-cm918741

**BLOCKCHAIN NEWS**

**US Congress to Hold Blockchain Hearing on Valentine's Day**

Two subcommittees of the U.S. House Committee on Science, Space and Technology – for Oversight as well as Research and Technology – are holding a hearing, entitled "Beyond Bitcoin: Emerging Applications for Blockchain Technology," on Feb. 14 at 10 a.m. EST.


**FedEx past 'exploratory' phase, starting journey with blockchain**

FedEx recently joined the Blockchain in Transport Alliance (BiTA) as one of its founding members; it also serves on the organization’s standards board. BiTA was created by tech and transportation executives to create blockchain standards and education for the freight industry.


[Editor's note: If your industry doesn’t have an equivalent board/consortium, it is lagging. If there is one and your organization is not part of it, your organization is lagging. For BC/HC, try Hashed Health]

**BLOCKCHAIN HEALTHCARE EVENTS**

**Blockchain in Healthcare: Interoperability in Action Webinar Series #4 (HHS), Feb 13, 12:30 - 5 pm EST**

The Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT (ONC) and the office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (ASPE) are proud to present the 4th installment of the Interoperability in Action Webinar series, which will focus on the use of blockchain technology and its current and future implications in the healthcare field.


**Blockchain in Healthcare Webinar Series, 2/20 Event: Health Data Interoperability History, Standards, Barriers, and DLT Impact, Tue, Feb 20, 8:00 - 10:00 PM EST**

Ron Ribitzky, MD, Founder and CEO of R&D Ribitzky, a consulting firm focused on health IT, life sciences informatics, and precision medicine; Jim Nasr, VP Technology & Innovation at Synchrogenix, a Certara Company, recently Entrepreneur in Residence of the CDC; and Geoffry Roberts, a senior health data architect and software engineer involved with HL7 since 2001. Dr. Ribitzky and Jim are also collaborators within the Blockchain Work Group at HIMSS.

This no-cost, high-quality Blockchain in Healthcare webinar series is produced by Obesity PPM (ObesityPPM.com) and delivered in partnership with the Healthcare Conference Network (HCN). Hosted by Heather Flannery, CEO Obesity PPM.

https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/8285795767977969155