



# **Market Monitor**

## **Select Industry News**

#### 2 in 3 Physicians Are Using Health AI — Up 78% from 2023

According to a recent survey from the American Medical Association, physicians' use of healthcare AI has nearly doubled in one year, with enthusiasm for the technology growing. AMA's survey illustrates that physicians have a more positive sentiment and recognize the benefits AI can offer (Link)

## **Experienced Healthcare IT and Consulting Executive Steve Eckert Joins Nordic as Chief Growth Officer**

Nordic announced the hiring of a new Chief Growth Officer, Steve Eckert, who brings years of industry expertise in healthcare operations. In his role, Eckert will help lead the company's growth strategy, build client relationships, and initiate new partnerships to strengthen the Nordic brand (Link)

#### **Indegene Adds Center in London, Expanding Presence in Europe**

Indegene announced the launch of a new center in London, aligning with its long-term growth strategy in Europe. The center will act as a strategic hub, enhancing the company's European talent base to better support regional clients through consulting and commercialization solutions (Link)

## **Nvidia Forges Healthcare Partnerships to Advance Al-Driven Genomics and Drug Discovery**

Nvidia announced several new Al-centric partnerships with industry leaders to advance genomics, drug discovery, and healthcare services. Nvidia's latest partnerships include IQVIA, Arc Institute, Illumina, and the Mayo Clinic (Link)

#### Inizio Advisory announces former CEO of Putnam Associates, Remco op den Kelder, as New Global President

Inizio Advisory names long-term employee, Remco op den Kelder, as its new Global President. Den Kelder spent over two decades at Putnam Associates, an Inizio subsidiary, as a Partner and CEO. He is succeeded by Matt Riordan as Chief Executive Officer of Putnam (Link)

#### Syner-G BioPharma Group and Sequoia Biotech Consulting Appoint Chris Erickson as Chief Operating Officer

Syner-G and Sequoia, a leading provider of integrated life sciences services, named Chris Erickson as Chief Operating Officer. Erickson brings 25 years of experience leading pharma services firms and expertise in scaling operations, enhancing commercial strategies, and driving customer growth (<u>Link</u>)

## The Lockwood Group Announces Launch of Dedicated Market Access Company, Nexus Health Group

The Lockwood Group announced the launch of its subsidiary, Nexus Health Group, which is focused on strategic consulting, patient access, and affordability. This strategic investment will enhance Lockwood's ability to deliver innovative and effective healthcare communication solutions to clients worldwide (Link)

### Sector Leadership



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# **Sector Spotlight**



#### **Target**

#### **Mercalis**

(Odyssey Investment Partners)

#### **Acquirer**

#### **PharmaCord**

(Permira)

#### **Deal Commentary**

- Mercalis is an integrated life sciences commercialization partner providing data, strategic insights, patient support services, and healthcare provider engagement tools
- The combined business will form one of the largest independent patient access companies in the world, offering a full breadth of solutions with greater reach and efficiency

#### **Transaction Summary**

On March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025, PharmaCord announced its merger with Mercalis. The merger will combine PharmaCord's expertise in patient services with Mercalis' advanced technology infrastructure, experienced commercial team, and fully integrated market access offerings. The combination will improve patient access and affordability while addressing the complex challenges of the patient experience

#### **Transaction Information**

Announced Date March 12, 2025
Deal Type Merger

Target Information
Year Founded 2000
Target HQ Morrisville, NC
# of Employees ~1,800

#### **Target**

#### **Newmarket Strategy**

Investor

**Baird Capital** 

#### **Deal Commentary**

- Newmarket Strategy is an independent life sciences consultancy and market access specialist focused on providing commercial, market, and policy expertise to global pharmaceutical, medical device, private equity, and healthcare services clients
- The investment will help support the company's continued growth and ambition to become a leader in the market access sector. Baird provides significant expertise in the industry through several previous investments such as Prescient and Blue Matter

#### **Transaction Summary**

On January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Baird announced its investment in Newmarket Strategy. As part of this next phase of growth, Baird and Newmarket will capitalize on opportunities to refine and grow Newmarket's services to continue to meet the complex, commercial, policy, and business needs of its diverse client base

#### **Transaction Information**

Announced Date January 8, 2025
Deal Type Growth Investment

Target Information
Year Founded 2021
Target HQ London, UK
# of Employees ~35

#### Healthcare and Life Sciences Services Deal Volume<sup>1</sup>



<sup>1.</sup> Time series data based on Clearsight's custom PitchBook screen intended to show trends over time and should be interpreted as directional regarding deal volume. Please email the Clearsight team for specific screen-related questions.

## Healthcare and Life Sciences Services

# **M&A Activity**



Date	Target	Buyer	Summary
3/19/2025	HCEsquared	Knox Lane	<ul> <li>HCEsquared helps healthcare professionals elevate patient care through services anchored in insights and solutions, information services, and medical education</li> <li>The investment will support the company's growth into adjacent sectors, markets, and therapeutic areas</li> </ul>
3/17/2025	Ward6 Singapore	Klick Health (GTCR)	<ul> <li>Ward6 is a healthcare marketing and medical communications firm operating in the Asia-Pacific region</li> <li>The acquisition of Ward6's Singapore operations strengthen Klick's leadership and client portfolio in the region, underscoring the agency's ongoing growth strategy</li> </ul>
3/14/2025	Lightmatter	Cactus Life Sciences	<ul> <li>Lightmatter is an innovative product development and software engineering firm servicing the healthcare industry</li> <li>The acquisition will add to Cactus' existing capabilities in digital strategy and software engineering, strengthening the firm's ability to deploy impactful solutions for clients</li> </ul>
3/12/2025	Mercalis (Odyssey Investment Partners)	PharmaCord (Permira)	<ul> <li>Mercalis is an integrated life sciences commercialization partner providing data and strategic insights, patient support services, and provider engagement tools</li> <li>The combined business will offer a full breadth of services, allowing clients to improve patient access and affordability</li> </ul>
3/5/2025	Kadiko	Supreme Group (Trinity Hunt Partners)	<ul> <li>Kadiko is a digital brand strategy and creative agency focused on serving the healthcare industry</li> <li>The acquisition will add to Supreme's strategic platform, providing best-in-class marketing and communications services to healthcare and life sciences companies</li> </ul>
3/2/2025	Azzur Group's Consulting Business (Baird Capital)	ELIQUENT Life Sciences (GHO Capital)	<ul> <li>Azzur Group provides GxP consulting services to the life sciences industry</li> <li>The acquisition extends ELIQUENT's end-to-end capabilities across regulatory, quality, and safety, allowing the firm to better service its customers</li> </ul>
2/28/2025	MedComms Experts	The Brydon Group	<ul> <li>MedComms Experts (MCE) provides rare disease-focused medical communication services to biopharma clients and healthcare professionals</li> <li>As part of the investment, Brydon is committed to furthering MCE's services and technology offerings</li> </ul>
2/26/2025	Health Care Program	Coker (Trinity Hunt	<ul> <li>Health Care Program Advisors is a boutique consulting firm with deep expertise in healthcare technology, analytics, and revenue cycle management</li> <li>The acquisition is Coker's third as a platform underscoring.</li> </ul>

Source: Public filings as of 31-March-2025, Capital IQ, Pitchbook

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2/24/2025	HERAX Life Sciences	ProductLife Group (Oakley Capital)	<ul> <li>HERAX is a specialized business and IT consultancy helping life sciences clients digitize clinical development</li> <li>The acquisition extends ProductLife's IT capabilities and strengthens its presence in the Nordic region, creating a fully integrated regional platform</li> </ul>
2/4/2025	COEUS	Red Nucleus (Thomas H. Lee Partners)	<ul> <li>COEUS is a life sciences consultancy offering bespoke market access, communications, and talent services</li> <li>The acquisition augments Red Nucleus' capabilities by adding a strategic partner with robust pharmaceutical relationships and experience working across all drug types</li> </ul>
1/30/2025	Lieberman	Lead Capital Partners & Petra Capital Partners	<ul> <li>Lieberman is a premier market research and analytics firm serving pharmaceutical and healthcare clients</li> <li>The investment will enable Lieberman to accelerate growth while maintaining their culture and leadership</li> </ul>
1/14/2025	Access Healthcare	New Mountain Capital	<ul> <li>Access Healthcare is a Texas-based, technology-enabled RCM platform serving the healthcare industry</li> <li>The investment will support Access' next phase of growth as the company focuses on advancing its AI, workflow automation, and product development capabilities</li> </ul>
1/8/2025	Newmarket Strategy	Baird Capital	<ul> <li>Newmarket is an independent life sciences advisor and market access specialist with a mission to drive access to health innovations</li> <li>The investment will support the company's continued growth and ambition to be an industry leader</li> </ul>
1/7/2025	Veralon	VMG Health (Incline Equity Partners)	<ul> <li>Veralon is a leader in healthcare strategy, valuation, provider compensation, and board education services</li> <li>The acquisition enhances VMG's existing solutions, particularly in areas such as value-based care and governance education</li> </ul>
1/7/2025	Deallus Consulting (Archimed)	GlobalData	<ul> <li>Deallus is a London-based intelligence solutions provider focused on the global life sciences sector</li> <li>The acquisition deepens GlobalData's ability to deliver comprehensive data and analytics insights in the life sciences sector</li> </ul>
1/7/2025	Peregrine Market	Klick Health	<ul> <li>Peregrine is a market access strategy and value communications firm serving the life sciences industry</li> <li>The acquisition strangthons Klick's engoing investment</li> </ul>

(GTCR)

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sciences commercialization

into the value, access, and reimbursement segments of life

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