

Disruptor watch: The 7 latest health care moves by Amazon, Google, Uber, and more

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What are Amazon, Apple, Google, and the other Big Tech companies up to in health care? Here are the seven stories you should know about the moves they've made in the past month—and how they could impact the industry.

* IBM, Merck, and Walmart team up to use **blockchain** in the supply chain

... program supporting the U.S. Drug Supply Chain Security Act (DSCSA). The pilot will track drugs and vaccines created by Merck and those sold by Walmart using IBM's **blockchain** platform. It will [include](#) a consumer-facing mobile app that will allow patients receiving prescriptions to scan a QR code to discover important details about that specific batch of medication... ..the shelves, and more. The program is expected to be completed by the fourth quarter of 2019. The partnership is being billed as a further test case for how **blockchain** can be used in health care, specifically how it can protect sensitive health care information. Since the technology allows for real-time monitoring of drugs, but also allows...

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