Nicole Vapp, 9 news in Denver

Ryan McNiel, Reuters

Jeff Ernsthausen, AJC

<http://ire.org/events-and-training/event/2702/3134/>

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Ryan from Reuters:

Death certificates did not list infection contracted in hospital when came to hospital for another reason.

CDC, Hospital Discharge Data

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Nicole from 9News Denver

Looked at rising drug costs

Pharmacy benefit managers are middle men between pharmacy and drug companies.

Found top 20 drugs that had increased in cost more than 100%

Data reporter: Katie Wilcox @katieawilcox

Used OpenPaymentsData for money physicians received from drug companies, SEC filings for spending on r&d, OpenSecrets for campaign contributions, Kantar Media for spending on TV ads

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Jeff:

Used Django to create huge database.

Tried to request records from states but places wanted paper to pay, others didn’t want to give it up.

Had to scrape websites to get proper data.