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TOP Industry NEWS

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1. Gilead Completes \$11.9-Billion Acquisition of Kite Pharma

Gilead Sciences has completed its \$11.9-billion acquisition of Kite Pharma, a company engaged in the emerging field of cell therapy, which uses a patient's own immune cells to fight cancer. [Read More](#)

2. Amgen in Immuno-Oncology Pact Worth up to \$1.4 Billion

Amgen and CytomX Therapeutics, a biopharmaceutical company, have partnered in a deal worth up to \$1.4 billion, to co-develop bispecific antibody constructs for immuno-oncology. [Read More](#)

3. Merck KGaA To Invest \$41 Million for New Injectables Mfg Line

Merck KGaA is investing EUR 35 million (\$41 million) in a new production line for aseptic filling under isolators at its site in Bari, Italy. The new line is expected to be fully operational in 2022. [Read More](#)

4. Mylan Launches Generic of Novartis' Top-Selling Drug Gleevec

Mylan has launched imatinib mesylate tablets, a generic version of Novartis's top-selling drug, Gleevec (imatinib mesylate), an anticancer drug, which had 2016 global sales of \$3.3 billion. [Read More](#)

5. FDA OKs Mylan's Generic of Teva's Top-Selling MS Drug Copaxone

The FDA has approved two dosings of Mylan's glatiramer acetate injection, a generic of Teva's top-selling drug, Copaxone (glatiramer acetate), for treating multiple sclerosis. [Read More](#)

6. Lonza Acquires US Clinical Biomfg Facility

Lonza has agreed to acquire a clinical-stage mammalian manufacturing site in the US from Shire and is nearing completion of a cell and gene therapy manufacturing facility near Houston, Texas. [Read More](#)

7. FDA Issues Final Guidance on Emerging Drug Manufacturing Technologies

The FDA has issued final guidance to give recommendations to pharmaceutical companies interested in participating in a program involving the submission of chemistry, manufacturing, and controls information containing emerging technology to the FDA. [Read More](#)

8. FDA Issues Draft Guidance for Complex Generic Drugs

In a move to facilitate the generic-drug review process and drug competition, the FDA has issued two draft guidance documents relating to the generic-drug review process for complex generics and outlined future policy considerations for complex generic drugs. [Read More](#)

9. FDA Issues Draft Guidance for Generic-Drug Review Process

The FDA has issued two draft guidance documents related to improving the generic-drug review process when submitting abbreviated new drug applications. [Read More](#)

10. GE Healthcare Opens 3D-Printing Mfg Center for Pharma

GE Healthcare has opened its first 3D printing lab in Uppsala, Sweden. GE is testing the performance of a 3D-printed chromatography column with Amgen for biopharmaceutical purification. [Read More](#)



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