New health information system is to be installed via an online network by 2011

Abu Dhabi seeks to privatise some services

The Abu Dhabi government is seeking external investment in the emirate’s healthcare system as it looks to privatise some services. Zaid Al Siksek, chief executive of the Health Authority Abu Dhabi, said it wants the system to become less dependent on publicly run institutions, which in the past have ‘not been as efficient as possible’. He said 50 private firms have filed applications to invest in the emirate’s healthcare system, but only four of these are expected to ‘move forward’.

First Cyberknife system installed in Saudi hospital

Over 28% of Qatar children diabetic

Oman Healthcare City plans dropped

Kuwait-based Gulf Investment House has announced that it has abandoned plans to develop a $1bn Healthcare City 100 km outside of Muscat, MEED has reported. The company did not say why the plans for the mixed use development, which was to have included medical colleges, hotels and hospitals, were dropped.