

IELTS Reading practice

Filling gaps

2. Fill the gaps with one of the following words:

cutting

advances

track

coming

empower

chief

developing

Pundits have long predicted that _____ in genetics will usher in a golden age of individually tailored therapies. But in fact it is much lower-tech wireless devices and internet-based health software that are precipitating the mass customization of health care, and creating entirely new business models in the process.

The hope is that nimble new technologies, from smart-phones to health-monitoring devices, will _____ patients and doctors, and thus improve outcomes while _____ costs. The near ubiquity of mobile phones is the _____ reason to think this optimistic scenario may come true. Patients with smart-phones can certainly benefit from interactive “wellness” applications that track diet, exercise and vital signs.

Many companies are _____ up with “home health” devices embedded with wireless technology. Some are overtly clinical in nature: Medtronic, a devices giant, is _____ a bedside monitor that wirelessly tracks the blood sugar levels in diabetic children sleeping nearby. GE has come up with “body sensor networks”, tiny wireless devices that _____ the vital signs of those who wear them.