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Sycume thyroid meds added to national drug reimbursement list

China's updated national drug reimbursement list now includes Sycume, a treatment for thyroid eye disease. The list has added 114 new drugs, bringing the total coverage to 3,253 medications. The inclusion has significantly reduced the cost per dose for patients. This move improves timely access to innovative and effective therapies. **(China Daily)**

Shanghai researchers develop breakthrough breast cancer therapy

Shanghai researchers have developed a new therapy that significantly improves outcomes for triple-negative breast cancer patients. The treatment reduces the risk of recurrence by 34% and mortality by 61%. These results come from a major Phase III clinical trial involving 786 patients. The breakthrough is hailed as a significant advancement that could reshape global treatment standards. **(China Daily)**

Action plan targets youth health issues

China has launched a five-year action plan targeting key youth health issues, including obesity, myopia, and mental health. The plan mandates daily physical activity and aims to curb rising obesity and myopia rates by 2030. Schools will enhance health monitoring, and parents are guided to promote outdoor time and reduce screen use. The initiative also focuses on improving spinal and oral health. **(China Daily)**

China unveils 4th catalog of branded drugs to boost generic alternatives

China has released its fourth catalog of brand-name drugs to guide the development of generic alternatives. The list includes 21 innovative medicines in fields like oncology, neurology, and assisted reproduction. It prioritizes drugs with novel mechanisms and those addressing unmet clinical needs. This initiative aims to accelerate the availability of high-quality, affordable generic medicines. **(National Health Commission)**

China sees continued improvement in women's health in 2024

China's women saw continued health improvements in 2024, with the maternal mortality rate falling to 14.3 per 100,000. The premarital health checkup rate also rose to 77.1%. These gains are supported by enhanced medical services and a comprehensive rescue system for pregnant women. The progress reflects the ongoing implementation of the national women's development program. **(Xinhua)**