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Smart shoes from the French company Digitsole are displayed at the 2016 Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas on Jan. 6. (Robyn Beck/AFP/Getty Images)

What can't be connected to the Internet these days?

The [2016 Consumer Electronics Show](#) (CES) was in full swing in Las Vegas this week, which means a slew of new high-tech gadgets were on display. From smart shoes to UV patches to pregnancy tests, here's a few of the health-related items that created a buzz:

Bluetooth pregnancy test: There really is an app for everything. First Response has introduced the first bluetooth-enabled pregnancy test, which connects to a phone app that walks you through the process of getting a urine sample, provides "calming distractions" as you wait for the result, tells you if you're pregnant and suggests some next steps whether or not you're expecting, according to [two stories](#) from [Tech Times](#). The free app also offers a period tracker, which calculates the days a woman is most likely to be fertile.

Connected thermometer: Taking your temperature is going high-tech with the Thermo, which has a suction cup-like device that takes 4,000 different readings when placed against your temple. It tracks different family members' temperatures over time with the help of a companion app, which can also save other health information that is input manually, like medications people are taking, [reported Reviewed](#). Looking for a different kind of smart thermometer? [Live Science highlights](#) two others: a wearable patch meant for babies and a capsule designed to be swallowed.

Intelligent shoes: If you've ever wished you could warm your feet or tie your shoes with the touch of a button, your dreams just came true. The DigitSole's design, in the [words of GeekWire](#), looks a bit like "Michael Jordan meets Marty McFly," but the shoe's real appeal is the accompanying smartphone app. It tracks steps, has a shock detector, lets you heat your feet to a customized temperature and

tightens on your feet via the app. In addition to the initial high-tech looking style, its makers are planning to release more casual-looking trainers and a women's pump, [says Mashable](#).

Scanning for calories: Tracking the calories passing through your lips comes with one hurdle: You don't always know how many calories are in whatever you're eating. Enter DietSensor, which uses a molecular sensor to figure out the calories in your food and track them with an app, [reported Tech Crunch](#). [CNET](#) said it's a good idea but did point out a drawback: It only works on foods with one level, like chicken or crackers, but not multi-layered foods like a candy bar. The device won the [CES best of innovations award](#) in the software and mobile apps category.

High-tech patches: Some wearables aren't so much worn as stuck on your skin. The L'Oreal UV Patch looks like a small Band-aid and tracks your UV exposure so you know when you've had too much sun, [according to The Wall Street Journal](#). MC10, the company that worked with L'Oreal on the UV patch, also debuted a patch meant to be used by researchers looking into issues with "motor skills, movement and various neurodegenerative disorders," [Tech Times reported](#).

Bears give long-distance hugs: When someone you love is across the country, you can talk to them and even videochat, but you can't reach out and touch them. Enter the Parihug, teddy bears that take a step toward helping you feel a long-distance embrace. The bears are sold in pairs, and when one gets a hug, the other gives off "customizable vibrations" designed to calm the person holding it, [reported Medical Daily](#).

Can't get enough news about high-tech health gadgets? [The Wall Street Journal](#) also talks about a connected EpiPen case, and [Medical Daily](#) discusses smart scales and blood pressure monitors.

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