

# Rethinking supply chain management: How better practices impact the bottom line

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#### **Cardinal Health**

#### Recognized leader in healthcare supply chain transformation

 Ranked #1 by Gartner 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 in transforming the healthcare value chain to meet new challenges around costs, revenue and outcomes.

#### Unparalleled understanding of healthcare value chain

- Supplier and leading manufacturer of med/surg products
- Leader in providing supply chain services with +40 years experience

#### Building for the future of healthcare

- Investments in innovative technology and data solutions
- RFID footprint in 41 countries and tracking medical devices in over 4,000 hospitals



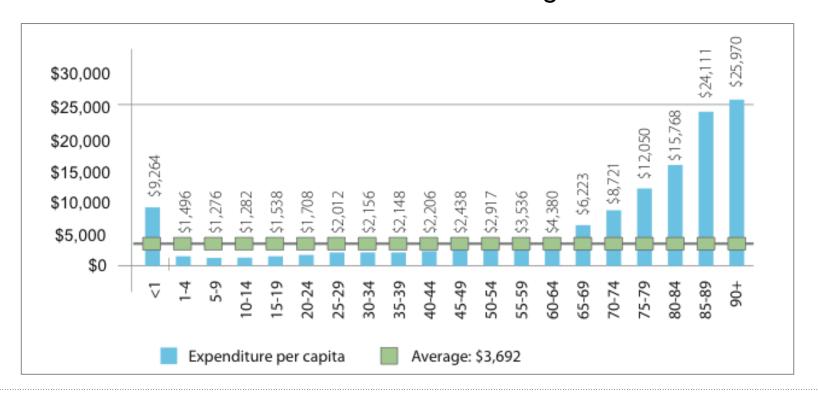
#### A changing landscape

- Affordable Care Act (ACA)
- Unique Device Identification (UDI)
  - FDA
- Census & demographics
  - 10,000 people turning 65 every day
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#### The silver tsunami

The average spending on someone age 80 and older is nearly **9x** what it is for someone between the ages of 1 and 64.







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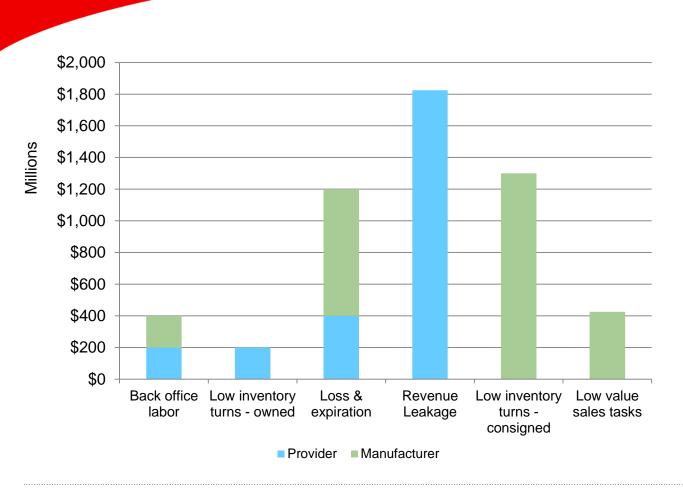
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- CMS is growing
  - Over 50% of patients are CMS
  - Increasing bundled reimbursement by DRG
- Supply chain becoming more important

## **Expenses** 10% **Other** 35% **Materials** 55% Labor

Source: American Hospital Association, *Underpayment by MediCare and Medicaid Fact Sheet*, November 2009 Source: Massachusetts Health Policy Commission, *2013 Cost Trends Report*, January 2014



#### Immense waste in the supply chain



#### Does not include indirect costs of:

- Excess time spent by nurses searching for inventory
- Time spent (or patient risk) during product recalls
- Risk of non-compliance with FDA/UDI regulations

10%-30%
Waste in PPI supply chain

**\$5,000,000,000\***Estimated loss per year



<sup>\*</sup>PNC Healthcare; GHX quantitative research study (August 2011)

#### **Ever changing environment**

# Must be agile and adaptable to control costs





### Sources of variation



#### Fluctuating patient census







Seasonal staff



#### **Demographics**



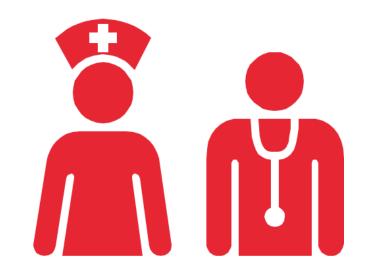




Geography



#### **Clinical practice**



Lack of standardization



Diseases treated differently



#### **Seasonal impact**







Flu



Winter



#### Multiple variables effect

**Demographics** Interactions magnify Census demand variation **Disease states Seasonality** Interactions Clinical practice



#### Adapting to change

- Grocery stores adapted to a lean model
- Point-of-use data collection/analytics
- Just-in-time inventory (logical unit-of-measure)





### **Ensuring financial success**



#### Freight management

- Freight has become a profit center for manufacturers
  - Included in price of product
- For example, consider the Operating Room
  - Next-day delivery
  - Transportation budget managed elsewhere
- Unit cost vs total delivered cost

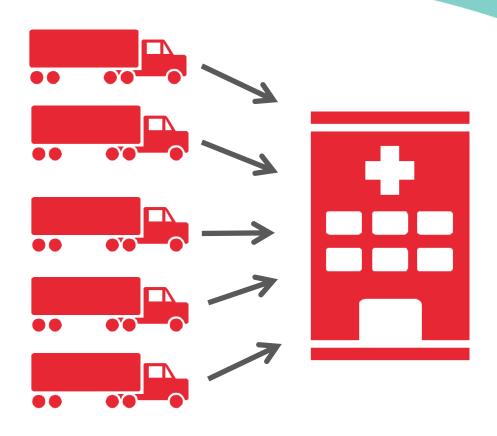




#### **Number of suppliers**

- More invoices
- More time spent ordering
- More time unloading trucks
- More cost

\$60.08 (HIDA)





#### Manual cycle counting

- No value add in counting
  - 50% materials management time
- Too many mistakes
  - UOM issues
  - Fat finger
- Correct cycle count frequency?
  - Weekly, monthly, quarterly
  - NEVER?





#### Reviewing consignment

- Built in costs
- Expired/obsolete products – charged?
- Inefficient delivery method
- Ineffective controls and tracking
- Impact due to the FDA Unique Device Identification law (UDI)





### How do you replenish?



#### Traditional forecast-based purchasing

- A retail model of purchasing
- Established based on some criteria
- A "stocking strategy"

Positive	Negative
Low effort	Inaccurate
	Creates storage solution mentality
	Lack of visibility



#### Traditional demand-based purchasing

- An industry model (automotive, aerospace, etc.)
- Based on utilization

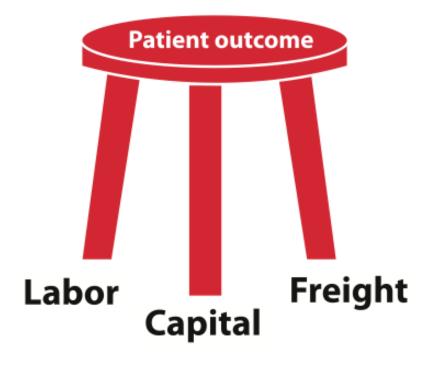
Positive	Negative
Based on actual demand	Inability to react quickly to unexpected demand variation
Replenish only what you need	Requires supply chain visibility



# The art of finding the right balance



#### Three-legged stool



# Technology is the enabler



#### Best practice for high value items

Best practice	Reason
Using an RFID-enabled system	<ul> <li>Real time visibility</li> <li>Unique Device Identification</li> <li>Accurate tracking</li> <li>Eliminate manual counting and errors</li> </ul>
Point of care charge/data capture	<ul><li>Compliance</li><li>Accurate charge capture</li></ul>
Carefully choosing open vs. closed storage	<ul><li>Time management</li><li>Inventory control and compliance</li><li>Cost</li></ul>
Interface with HIS	<ul><li>Integrate inventory management in eco-system</li><li>Eliminate double entry</li></ul>
Targeting the desired end state	Inventory profile changing with successful implementation



#### Best practice for commodity products

#### Replace your PAR system!

Best practice	Reason
Using 2-bin Kanban methodology	<ul> <li>Proven best practice in other industries</li> <li>Less labor</li> <li>Supports FIFO (first in first out)</li> </ul>
No over investment in technology	ROI not realized
Eliminate manual counting	Upside down transactions
Strong analytics platform	<ul><li>More predictable ordering patterns</li><li>Use data to optimize purchasing</li></ul>



#### **Balancing the investment**



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Risk of under-investing

Risk of over-investing



# Metrics for success in supply chain



#### Before you begin

# **Consistency** is key





#### Ranking common metrics

Rank	Tracking methods	Reason
Good	Total supply expense as a percent of net patient revenue	<ul> <li>Variability in Net Patient Revenue distorts month over month trends</li> <li>Does not effectively illustrate true supply spend performance</li> </ul>
Better	Total supply expense per adjusted discharge or CMI adjusted discharge	<ul> <li>Better aligns supply spend with patient volumes and level of acuity</li> <li>Does not capture supply spend performance at the patient level</li> </ul>
Best	Supply Intensity Score	<ul> <li>Measures supply costs by patient and procedure type</li> <li>Provides more precise and actionable data</li> </ul>



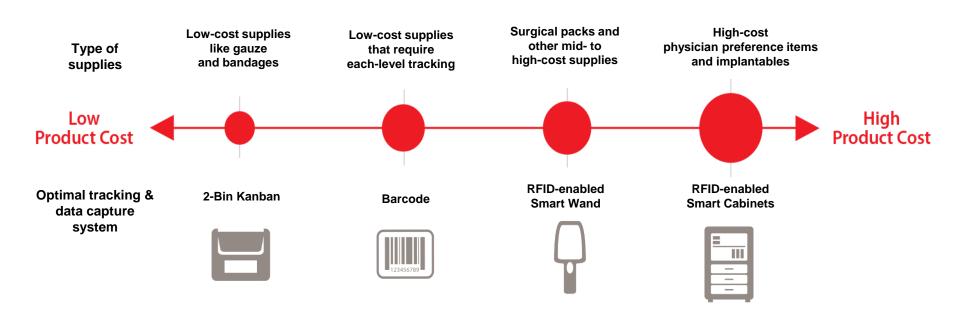
#### Are you measuring the right metrics?

- Every hospital measures similar benchmarks
  - But your waste is hiding in what you're not measuring

New metrics to track	Improvement opportunity
Expired Supplies	<ul> <li>How much are you expiring out each month?</li> <li>These are products that could have been returned, redeployed, or even resold.</li> <li>2% - 5% annually lost</li> </ul>
Lost Products (Leakage)	<ul> <li>How much product is missing each month?</li> <li>Leakage can be mitigated with enhanced tracking and inventory controls.</li> </ul>
Clinical time spent on supply chain (HCAHPS)	<ul> <li>How much clinical time is spent on finding stocked out supplies, logging in/out of POU systems, or recording takes/returns?</li> <li>This represents time could have been spent with the patient.</li> </ul>



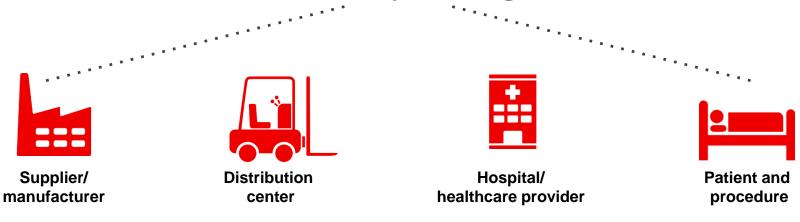
#### Choose the right tool for the right inventory





#### The total supply chain approach

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