



Guide to HTU’25 Breakout Sessions

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HTU'25 Breakout Sessions Schedule Grid CE-based Education, Micro Education & Professional Development		KEY: *Yellow boxes = (14) sessions open to suppliers *Blue box (1) = 60. min. session. HT Solutions. No CE *Pink boxes (7) = 30. min. Micro Sessions/HT Solutions. No CE *Blue type (4) = CE sessions w/ HT Physician Advisors	REV. April 29 40, 60-min. Breakouts 36 CE (18 non-Rx, of which 2 repeat; 18 Rx) 4 no CE (3 Prof Dev; 1 tools) 7 Micros (30 min.) 47 Total Breakout Sessions	Note: Information up to date as of April 29. Presenters and CE credit proposed vs. awarded subject to change.	Abbreviations CEP - CE proposed COP - Certificate of Participation AH - Allied Health ASC - Ambulatory Surgery Center HE - Healthcare Executive N - Nursing P - Physician Rx - Pharmacy SC - Supply Chain	
MONDAY, Aug. 18 1:30 – 2:30PM 4 Non-Rx; 3 Rx 3 open to suppliers	MONDAY, Aug. 18 3:00 – 4:00PM 4 Non-Rx; 3 Rx 2 open to suppliers	TUESDAY, Aug. 19 10 – 10:30AM (no CE) None open to suppliers	TUESDAY, Aug. 19 10:45 – 11:45AM 4 Non-Rx; 3 Rx 2 open to suppliers	TUESDAY, Aug. 19 1:45 – 2:45PM 4 Non-Rx; 3 Rx 4 open to suppliers	WEDNESDAY, Aug. 20 7:15 – 8:15AM 2 Non-Rx; 3 Rx 1 open to suppliers	WEDNESDAY, Aug. 20 10:00 – 11:00AM 4 Non-Rx; 3 Rx 2 open to suppliers
Category: Professional Development Unlock Limitless Possibility: Designing the Future Together Seb Terry CEP: None	Category: Professional Development TBD Laura Gassner Otting CEP: None	Category: HealthTrust Solutions MICRO EDUCATION Advisory Services: Who's Managing Your Consignment? Taking Control to Reduce Costs & Risks HT: Courtney Kleeb, Drew Preslar CEP: None	Category: Professional Development Why Not Now? ^ Amy Jo Martin CEP: None ^exact title TBD	Category: Operations, Financial, Performance Improvement Empowering Care Teams With the Responsible Use of Artificial Intelligence HCA: Dr. Michael Schlosser CEP: HE, N, Rx, SC, COP, AH, Other: ASC, P		Category: Supply Chain Management Burning the Boats on not Standardizing: Implementing a Consolidated Service Center St. Luke's: John Barnes CEP: SC, Rx, Other: P
Category: HealthTrust Solutions Maximizing Savings & Efficiencies by Understanding How to Use HealthTrust Tools HT: Patrick Lowry, Dani Depoy CEP: None	REPEAT PROGRAM (also offered Tues. 10:45AM) Category: Operations, Financial, Performance Improvement Wound Care/Regenerative Tissue—Big Changes Impacting Utilization Intelligence: Dr. Caroline Fife, Scripps: Dr. Dean Vayser; UPMC: Dr. Aron Wahrman; Lifepoint: Dr. Bert Altmanshofer CEP: N, SC, Other: ASC	Category: HealthTrust Solutions MICRO EDUCATION Medical Device Management: The Future of Spine Surgery: Positioning Providers for Success in a World of Robotics & Navigation HCA: Thomas Payne HT: Keith McReynolds CEP: None	REPEAT PROGRAM (also offered Mon. 3PM) Category: Operations, Financial, Performance Improvement Wound Care/Regenerative Tissue—Big Changes Impacting Utilization Intelligence: Dr. Caroline Fife, Scripps: Dr. Dean Vayser; UPMC: Dr. Aron Wahrman; Lifepoint: Dr. Bert Altmanshofer CEP: N, SC, Other: ASC	Category: Value Analysis Visibility Through Continuous Integration: Building Supply Chain Resiliency Memorial Hospital: Elizabeth Shantel Sherman, David Mims, Rene Waguespack, Stephanie Wright CEP: SC, HE, N, Other: ASC, P		Category: Accessible Care Advancing Accessible Care One Community at a Time HCA: Jeremy Brooks-McKinnon; Prime: Darra Edwards; Trinity: Jaime Dirckson; HT: Aigner George CEP: HE, N, Rx, SC, Other: ASC, P
REPEAT PROGRAM (also offered Tues. 1:45PM) Category: Supply Chain Management The Value of Contracting: Maximizing Purchased Services Sourcing CoxHealth: Chris Bryant; Trinity: Max Washko; HT: Abbi Elzinga; Valify: Andy Motz CEP: SC, HE	Category: Operations, Financial, Performance Improvement Passing the Reins: Succession Planning for Physicians & Supply Chain Leaders Franciscan Alliance: Sarah Burdick, Dr. Jonathan Mandelbaum, Dawn Thackston; HT: Jennie Hanson CEP: SC, HE, Other: ASC, P	Category: HealthTrust Solutions MICRO EDUCATION Special Ops: From Fragmentation to Integration: Strategies for Efficient & Sustainable Shared Services HT: Issaam Abouzahr, Erin Boten CEP: None	Category: Clinical Initiatives / Patient Care Crash Cart Standardization: A Multi-disciplinary Collaboration HCA: Jeff Kaminski, Melanie Leise, Katrina Sanders, Kevin Welch CEP: N, Rx, SC	REPEAT PROGRAM (also offered Mon. 1:30PM) Category: Supply Chain Management The Value of Contracting: Maximizing Purchased Services Sourcing CoxHealth: Chris Bryant; Trinity: Max Washko; HT: Abbi Elzinga; Valify: Andy Motz CEP: SC, HE	Category: Supply Chain Management Custom Procedure Trays—The Service Line Approach to Standardization HCA: Blake McAbee, Caitlin Martin, Jann Maze CEP: SC, HE, Other: ASC	Category: Value Analysis Excel-ling at Value Analysis: Leveraging HealthTrust Data to Perform Financial Supply Chain Analyses HCA: Jared Dougherty, Joe Armstrong; HT: Julie London CEP: SC, HE
Category: Operations, Financial, Performance Improvement Getting Psyched Up: Developing a Systemwide Behavioral Health Product Formulary HCA: Laura Hollis, Jared Dougherty, Angela Farmer, Heather Topley CEP: SC, N, HE, Other: ASC	Category: Other - Clinical Resources Leveraging Resources for Impact Franciscan Alliance: Jessica Corso; Optum Insight: Karen Morelli; HT: Pam Norman, Connie Sharkey CEP: SC, HE, N, Rx, COP, AH, Other: ASC, P	Category: HealthTrust Solutions MICRO EDUCATION MDM / CDS: Balancing Quality of Care & Supply Costs in a Value-based Care Environment HT: Scott Driskell, Kim Wright CEP: None	Category: Clinical Initiatives / Patient Care Spine & Orthopedic Implants: Are They Really All the Same? Scripps: Dr. James Bruffley; HCA & Ascension: St. Thomas: Dr. Jason Jones; HT: Chris Stewart, Drew Torres CEP: SC, N, HE, Other: ASC, P	Category: Sustainability On the Path to Net Zero—Member Sustainability Success Stories Beth Israel Deaconess: Avery Palardy; St. Luke's: Stephanie Wickes; HCA: Zoe Beck; HT: Jennifer Westendorf CEP: N, SC, HE, Rx, Other: ASC	Category: Supply Chain Management The Pulse of Efficiency: Kanban for Supply Chain Success USA Health-Matthew Berg; UCI Health: Sandra Reichle; HT: Issam Abouzahr, Abbi Elzinga CEP: N, SC, HE, Other: ASC	Category: Operations, Financial, Performance Improvement Utilizing Virtual Infrastructure to Address Workflow Challenges & to Reimagine Care Delivery Orlando Health: Darius Love, Kim Malinowski CEP: HE, N, COP: AH
Category: Rx Leadership 2025 Executive Pharmacy Exchange HCA: Jennifer Higdon; Scion: Derek Szesney; Beacon: Jeanne Anderson; HT: Aigner George CEP: Rx, HE, Other: ASC, P	Category: Rx Leadership 2025 Executive Pharmacy Exchange Focus Session Beacon: Jeanne Anderson, Holly Kaczmarek; HCA: Shelley Nesbitt; HTWFS: Rose Martin, HT: Kara Fortune CEP: Rx, HE, Other: ASC, P	Category: HealthTrust Solutions MICRO EDUCATION Supply Chain Consulting: The Freight Factor: Unlocking Cost Savings & Efficiency in Healthcare Logistics HT: Jason Hanson CEP: None	Category: Rx Leadership Standardization, an Elusive Dream to Catch for Multisite Acute Care Systems HCA: Carley Warren, Laurie Perkins CEP: Rx, N	Category: Rx Leadership There's a New Sheriff in Town: Guiding New Hospital Pharmacy Leaders to Achieve Excellence Ardent: Chris Saboura, Leigh Anders, Kerry Bowlin, Jennifer Gass CEP: Rx, N, SC	Category: Rx Operations Sterile Compounding & IV Room Inspections in 2025—Are you ready? HCA: Bicklie Solomon CEP: Rx	Category: Rx Leadership Unmasking Medication Safety Blind Spots Lifepoint: Erin Moody, Morgan Grentman CEP: Rx, N, Other: P
Category: Rx Clinical Sepsis Smackdown: New Evidence, Smarter Strategies & Winning the Fight Against Infection Chaos HCA: Renee Castillo, Dr. Jeff Murawsky CEP: Rx, N, HE, SC, Other: P	Category: Rx Clinical Building Stronger Bones With Technology: Advanced Practice Pharmacists Transform Osteoporosis Care Scripps: Amy McKaskle, Angela Rosenblatt CEP: Rx, Other: ASC, Family Practice Physicians	Category: HealthTrust Solutions MICRO EDUCATION Pharmacy: 360 Pharmacy: Driving Value With a Full-Circle Approach Beacon: Jeanne Anderson HT: Aigner George, Haley Peel CEP: None	Category: Rx Clinical Better Beta-Lactam Guidance—A Multifaceted Approach Mercy: Krista McCoy, Alex Bryant CEP: Rx, N, Other: ASC, P	Category: Rx Clinical Stop or Go? Glucagon-like Peptide 1 Receptor Agonists in the Perioperative Setting HCA: Samantha Leonard, Dr Filip Roos, Janet Zarnett CEP: Rx, N, Other: ASC, P	Category: Rx Clinical Betting on Better Outcomes: The Two-Bag Method for Diabetic Ketoacidosis in Critical Care St. Luke's: Kathy Glenn, Mikaela Ewell CEP: Rx, N, Other: P	Category: Rx Clinical Can you see me? Contrast Agents, Dyes & Radiopharmaceuticals: A Crash Course for Busy Clinicians HCA: Keith Teelucksingh, Blake McAbee, Kyle Bugg, Bailey Gaudry CEP: Rx, N, Other: P
Category: Rx Operations Impact of Hospital Start-Ups, Acquisitions & Divestures on Pharmacy Ops in Specialty Hospitals Lifepoint: Day Scott, Chantel Alexander, Jessica Prieto CEP: Rx, HE, SC	Category: Rx Operations I Know What We Did Last Shortage—Mitigating Medication Safety Risks Related to Drug Shortages HCA: Erin Graden, Courtney Fuller, Kendra Spillikin CEP: Rx, N, SC, Other: ASC	Category: HealthTrust Solutions MICRO EDUCATION Regard: Systemwide Product Conversions: The Challenges, Lessons Learned & Best Practices HT: Rick Parrish CEP: None	Category: Rx Operations Finding the Treasure in Expired Drug Waste—A Centralized Management Focus Lifepoint: Todd White, Bryan Jones CEP: Rx, SC, HE	Category: Rx Operations On the CuSP of Greatness: Using a Central Pharmacy Production Center to Provide Multisite Support Scripps: Aaron Ginsberg, Olivia Ronan CEP: Rx, HE, Other: ASC	Category: Rx Operations 340B – 2025 Legal Landscape McDermott Will & Emery: Steven Schelle CEP: Rx, HE, Other: ASC	Category: Rx Operations The Pharmacologic Clock Is Ticking—Comprehensive Alignment to Timely Formulary Adoption HCA: Erin Graden, Laurie Perkins, Athena Markos CEP: Rx, SC, Other: P



Breakout Sessions by Category/Track



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 Open to Suppliers

HealthTrust Solutions (No CE credit)

- **Maximizing Savings & Efficiencies by Understanding How to Use HealthTrust Tools** – Mon., Aug. 18 @1:30PM (60 min.)
- **Who's Managing Your Consignment? Taking Control to Reduce Costs & Risks** – Tues., Aug. 19 @10:00AM (30 min.)
- **From Fragmentation to Integration: Strategies for Efficient & Sustainable Shared Services** – Tues., Aug. 19 @10:00AM (30 min.)
- **The Freight Factor: Unlocking Cost Savings & Efficiency in Healthcare Logistics** – Tues., Aug. 19 @10:00AM (30 min.)
- **360 Pharmacy: Driving Value With a Full-Circle Approach** – Tues., Aug. 19 @10:00AM (30 min.)
- **The Future of Spine Surgery: Positioning Providers for Success in a World of Robotics & Navigation**– Tues., Aug. 19 @10:00AM (30 min.)
- **Balancing Quality of Care & Supply Costs in a Value Based Care Environment** – Tues., Aug. 19 @10:00AM (30 min.)
- **Systemwide Product Conversions: The Challenges, Lessons Learned & Best Practices**– Tues., Aug. 19 @10:00AM (30 min.)


Operations, Financial, Performance Improvement (CE-based sessions)

- **Getting Psyched Up: Developing a Systemwide Behavioral Health Product Formulary** – Mon., Aug. 18 @1:30PM
-  **Passing the Reins: Succession Planning for Physicians & Supply Chain Leaders** – Mon., Aug. 18 @3:00PM
- **Wound Care/Regenerative Tissue—Big Changes Impacting Utilization** – Mon., Aug. 18 @3:00PM & Repeats Tues., Aug. 19 @10:45AM
-  **Empowering Care Teams With the Responsible Use of Artificial Intelligence** – Tues., Aug. 19 @1:45PM
- **Utilizing Virtual Infrastructure to Address Workforce Challenges & to Reimagine Care Delivery** – Wed., Aug. 20 @10:00AM

Other – Accessible Care (CE-based session)

-  **Advancing Accessible Care One Community at a Time** – Wed., Aug. 20 @10:00AM

Other – Clinical Initiatives / Patient Care (CE-based sessions)

-  **Crash Cart Standardization: A Multi-disciplinary Collaboration** – Tues., Aug. 19 @10:45AM
- **Spine & Orthopedic Implants: Are They Really All the Same?** – Tues., Aug. 19 @10:45AM

Other – Clinical Resources (CE-based session)

- **Leveraging Resources for Impact** – Mon., Aug. 18 @ 3:00PM

Other – Sustainability (CE-based session)

-  **On the Path to Net Zero: Member Sustainability Success Stories** – Tues., Aug. 19 @1:45PM

Other – Value Analysis (CE-based sessions)

-  **Visibility Through Continuous Integration: Building Supply Chain Resiliency** – Tues., Aug. 19 @1:45PM
-  **Excel-ling at Value Analysis: Leveraging HealthTrust Data to Perform Financial Supply Chain Analyses** – Wed., Aug. 20 @10:00AM

Pharmacy Clinical (CE-based sessions)

- **Sepsis Smackdown: New Evidence, Smarter Strategies & Winning the Fight Against Infection Chaos** – Mon., Aug. 18 @1:30PM
- **Building Stronger Bones With Technology: Advanced Practice Pharmacists Transform Osteoporosis Care** – Mon., Aug. 18 @3:00PM

- **Better Beta-Lactam Guidance—A Multifaceted Approach** – Tues., Aug. 19 @10:45AM
- **Stop or Go? Glucagon-like Peptide 1 Receptor Agonists in the Perioperative Setting** – Tues., Aug. 19 @1:45PM
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- **Can you see me? Contrast Agents, Dyes & Radiopharmaceuticals: A Crash Course for Busy Clinicians** – Wed., Aug. 20 @10:00AM

Pharmacy Leadership (CE-based sessions)

- ***2025 Executive Pharmacy Exchange** – Mon., Aug. 18 @1:30PM
- **2025 Executive Pharmacy Exchange Focus Session** – Mon., Aug. 18 @3:00PM
- **Standardization, an Elusive Dream to Catch for Multisite Acute Care Systems** – Tues., Aug. 19 @10:45AM
- **There's a New Sheriff in Town—Guiding New Hospital Pharmacy Leaders to Achieve Excellence** – Tues., Aug. 19 @1:45PM
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Pharmacy Operations (CE-based sessions)

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- **On the CuSP of Greatness: Using a Central Pharmacy Production Center to Provide Multisite Support** – Tues., Aug. 19 @1:45PM
- ***Sterile Compounding & IV Room Inspections in 2025—Are you ready?** – Wed., Aug. 20 @7:15AM
- **340B – 2025 Legal Landscape** – Wed., Aug. 20 @7:15AM
- **The Pharmacologic Clock Is Ticking—Comprehensive Alignment to Timely Formulary Adoption** – Wed., Aug. 20 @10:00AM

Professional Development (No CE credit)

- *** Unlock Limitless Possibility: Designing the Future Together** with Seb Terry – Mon., Aug. 18 @1:30PM
- ***Title TBD** with Laura Gassner Otting – Mon., Aug. 18 @3:00PM
- ***Why Not Now?** with Amy Jo Martin – Tues., Aug. 19 @10:45AM

Supply Chain Management (CE-based sessions)

- ***The Value of Contracting: Maximizing Purchased Services Sourcing** – Mon., Aug. 18 @1:30PM & Repeats Tues., Aug. 19 @1:45PM
- **Custom Procedure Trays—The Service Line Approach to Standardization** – Wed., Aug. 20 @7:15AM
- **The Pulse of Efficiency: Kanban for Supply Chain Success** – Wed., Aug. 20 @7:15AM
- **Burning the Boats on not Standardizing: Implementing a Consolidated Service Center** – Wed., Aug. 20 @10:00AM





HEALTHTRUST UNIVERSITY CONFERENCE

San Antonio

AUGUST 18-20, 2025

HENRY B. GONZÁLEZ CONVENTION CENTER

Breakout Sessions for CE-based Education & Professional Development

MONDAY, Aug. 18, 2025

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KEY

CE-based Education Sessions | HT Members & HT Staff; Suppliers, only where highlighted

Professional Development Sessions | All Attendees, including Suppliers (No CE credit)

Crimson type | Category/track

1:30 – 2:30PM Time Block

MONDAY, Aug. 18 | 1:30 – 2:30PM

Category: Professional Development (No CE)

Unlock Limitless Possibility: Designing the Future Together | with Seb Terry

OPEN TO SUPPLIERS

No CE Credit is available for this session

See registration site for full program details and presenter's bio.



MONDAY, Aug. 18 | 1:30 – 2:30PM

Category: HealthTrust Solutions (No CE)

Maximizing Savings & Efficiencies by Understanding How to Use HealthTrust Tools

NOT OPEN TO SUPPLIERS

No CE Credit is available for this session
Open to any HealthTrust member or employee

Course level: Basic

Due to the rising cost of healthcare, optimizing HealthTrust contracts to find actionable savings is critical to a health system's bottom line. Maximize savings and efficiencies by understanding how to use HealthTrust tools and solutions that can empower you to make more informed decisions, stay up to date with relevant contract information and amplify your overall savings. Join the presenter for a deep dive into the latest enhancements and learn how to utilize analytics and the online catalog to find real-time insights and actionable savings.

Learning Objectives | *At the end of this session, participants should be able to:*

- Recall how to access the most relevant contract activity and identify savings opportunities through enhancements to HealthTrust tools.
- Identify more accurate and actionable savings by utilizing tools, including tier and conversion opportunities and data improvements.
- Describe steps to reduce analysis time using price performance indicators for key categories, discover spend trends and more quickly act on real savings.

Presenters:

Patrick Lowry, VP, Customer Solutions

Dani Depoy, Assoc. Manager, Commercial Products, GPO Customer Solutions



MONDAY | 1:30 – 2:30PM

Category: Supply Chain Management

REPEAT PROGRAM. Also offered Tues. @1:45PM

The Value of Contracting: Maximizing Purchased Services Sourcing

OPEN TO SUPPLIERS

CE Credit proposed: Supply Chain, Healthcare Executive

Course level: Intermediate

Do you struggle to control your purchased services spend? Does the complexity of purchased services overwhelm you? Learn how two IDNs took control of their purchased services by developing and implementing a turnkey program. With a heightened focus on the value contracting plays in effectively managing costs, discover how these organizations developed processes and policies to support the implementation and the sustainability of their programs for the long term, negotiating better purchased services contracts and identifying and capitalizing on savings opportunities in multiple categories. Join us and learn how these processes for managing spend, risk and stakeholders might benefit your organization.

Learning Objectives | *At the end of this session, participants should be able to:*

- Recognize the structure and support for the foundation needed to develop and implement a purchased services program from infancy to maturity.
- Identify key elements for a robust platform for purchased services program management, including program development, meeting structure and cadence, contracts, the staff and support team needed, and a roadmap.
- Recall critical benchmarks when reviewing purchased services categories and how to delve deep into data to identify hidden opportunities.

Andy Motz is the Vice President of Advisory Services for Valify Solutions Group. His experience includes serving as Chief Procurement Officer for a Midwest health system and over 10 years of Supply Chain consulting with Deloitte and Navigant at academic medical centers, community hospitals and large IDNs. As a purchased services sourcing consultant, Motz strategically positions his clients to negotiate contracts that achieve better pricing, service levels and quality outcomes. He earned a Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics from Mount St. Joseph University.

Chris Bryant, MBAHM, is the Director of Strategic Sourcing (Purchased Services) at CoxHealth, where he oversees third-party procurement, negotiates contracts, monitors vendor performance and implements strategies that optimize service delivery while driving value and excellence for the health system. He is a seasoned professional with more than 20 years of experience leading teams and departments at all levels. Bryant specializes in building high-performing teams using GROW coaching techniques to achieve operational excellence. He obtained a BS degree from Missouri Southern State University and an MBA in healthcare administration and management from Western Governors University.

Abbi Elzinga is the Director, Shared Services Transformation for HealthTrust and a dynamic healthcare supply chain leader with a passion for driving operational excellence and innovation. With experience spanning consulting, project management and strategic supply chain leadership, she has worked with some of the nation's top health systems to optimize processes and eliminate inefficiencies. Elzinga's journey includes impactful roles at multiple GPOs and as a Supply Chain Director in Colorado. Currently, she supports the Special Operations team, focusing on accelerating solutions for healthcare organizations. She earned a BBA from the University of Colorado Denver Business School.

Max Washko, MBA, is the Director, Strategic Sourcing for Trinity Health, where he is responsible for overseeing Purchased Services (both clinical and non-clinical), Distribution, Affiliate Program, and Supply Chain M&A. In this role, he and his team apply sourcing best practices to support key organizational initiatives. Prior to his time at Trinity Health, Washko held supply chain roles with large organizations across industries, including manufacturing and consumer packaged goods. He earned Bachelor of Arts and Master of Business Administration degrees from Michigan State University's Eli Broad College of Business.



MONDAY | 1:30 – 2:30PM

Category: Operations, Financial, Performance Improvement

Getting Psyched Up: Developing a Systemwide Behavioral Health Product Formulary

NOT OPEN TO SUPPLIERS

CE Credit proposed: Supply Chain, Nursing, Healthcare Executive

Other Target Audiences who may be interested (no CE): Ambulatory Surgery Center

Course level: Intermediate

Behavioral healthcare volume continues to rise across the nation and systems have continued to address the healthcare needs of a growing population. However, opportunities to deliver cost efficient and consistent supplies to meet the needs outside of the standard acute care system persist. Product requirements and safety precautions present challenges for which healthcare Supply Chain teams must attempt to manage and maintain financial viability amid an ever-changing regulatory landscape. Healthcare leaders must partner with GPOs to identify relevant items to add to a standard formulary to support safety measures, regulatory compliance and fiscal responsibilities. Join us to discover how one organization leverages supplier, internal and GPO data to develop a product formulary and standardize supplies across a healthcare system serving an at-risk patient population.

Learning Objectives | *At the end of this session, participants should be able to:*

- Recognize key elements to inform standardization efforts and a new Supply Chain formulary.
- Recall the unique roles needed to evaluate, develop and implement a new behavioral health formulary.
- Identify helpful tips to leverage data and communication strategies to support Supply Chain standardization efforts.

Biographies

Laura Hollis, DNP, MSN, RN, NE-BC, is the AVP of Behavioral Health Nursing Operations for HCA Healthcare supporting the TriStar Division. With over 20 years of nursing experience, she has been able to serve patients and teams in multiple roles as an innovative transformational leader. Hollis joined HCA in 2016 and moved to the HCA Corporate Behavioral Health team in August of 2023. Prior to HCA, she worked for Vanderbilt University Medical Center. She is LEAN certified and a Nurse Executive (NE-BC) who received her MSN and DNP degrees from Vanderbilt University.

Jared Dougherty, DNP, MBA, RN, CENP, CCRN-K, is the Senior Director of Clinical Resource Analysis for HCA Healthcare Supply Chain, where he leads the selection of all supply chain products used in nursing, perinatal, wound care, infection prevention and burn care clinical settings. His clinical areas of expertise are cardiovascular critical care, mechanical circulatory support and outpatient cardiology services. Dougherty's doctoral work focused on the cultivation of resilience in nurse managers and his research areas of interest include quality improvement and patient safety, improvement science and mechanical circulatory support.

Angie Farmer, RN, BSN, is the TriStar Division Clinical Resource Director for HCA HealthCare Supply Chain in Nashville where she leads a team of eight clinical leaders and assists them to support 16 acute

care facilities. She has 26 years of nursing experience and was previously in a clinical supply chain value analysis role. Farmer has utilized her roles in clinical value analysis to develop relationships and processes that contribute to patient care and financial resiliency. Her clinical area of expertise is in perioperative services. Farmer obtained a BSN from Austin Peay State University.

Heather Topley is the Supply Chain Director at Skyline Medical Center, a Level 1 Trauma and Comprehensive Burn Center. In this role, she manages the supplies for the Med/Surg areas, ICU departments, Cath Lab, Interventional Radiology and the OR. With 20 years of supply chain experience with HCA, she also helped manage the supplies at Skyline Madison Campus, a 121-bed Behavioral Health facility that has since merged with Centennial Parthenon Pavilion. Topley's main objective is quality patient care and effective collaboration with her colleagues to achieve this.



MONDAY | 1:30 – 2:30PM

Category: Pharmacy Leadership

2025 Executive Pharmacy Exchange

OPEN TO SUPPLIERS

CE Credit proposed: Pharmacy, Healthcare Executive

Other Target Audiences who may be interested (no CE): Ambulatory Surgery Center, Physicians

Course level: Advanced

Each year, the complexity of the pharmacy landscape and how to effectively manage it increases. Strategizing and working through system structures and how goals are achieved is critical to reach success. The Executive Pharmacy Exchange allows for industry topics selected by pharmacy leaders via a pre-conference survey to be addressed by a panel of peers who will share a variety of experiences and practice pearls. This session will be followed by a working session that will focus on one topic (workforce) and allow for interactive breakout groups.

Learning Objectives | *At the end of this session, participants should be able to:*

- Recall key challenges of leading a pharmacy enterprise in today's landscape.
- Recognize strategies to address the key challenges facing the pharmacy at the system and facility level.
- Identify opportunities to apply to practice and/or advance the pharmacy enterprise.

Biographies

Moderator

Aigner George, PharmD, CDE, is the Assistant Vice President of Pharmacy Solutions for HealthTrust, where she is dedicated to engaging with client members in consulting and leadership, working with more than 100 healthcare facilities in the provision of advisory services. With 20 years of healthcare experience, she has been involved in various aspects of pharmacy operations, facilitating initiative

implementations which include operations, formulary management, safety and quality initiatives, supply expense management, leadership development and transformation. George earned a Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Hampton University.

Panelists

Jeanne Anderson, PharmD, MBA, serves as the Executive Director of Pharmacy Services at Beacon Health System, overseeing pharmacy operations across multiple locations. With more than 20 years of experience, she is a proven leader in optimizing pharmacy services, driving operational efficiencies and implementing strategic healthcare initiatives. Since joining Beacon in 2013, Anderson has held key roles, including Pharmacy Manager and Director of Pharmacy. Her notable achievements include leading the integration of Beacon Specialty Pharmacy, optimizing 340B program savings and spearheading innovative pharmacy design projects. Anderson earned a Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Ferris State University and an MBA from Indiana University South Bend.

Jennifer Higdon, MS, MBA, PharmD, is the AVP, Pharmacy Operations & Expense Management for HCA/HealthTrust Supply Chain. She is responsible for division pharmacy teams, Central Order Entry services, supply expense management, operations, regulatory compliance and pharmacy distribution. Higdon has more than 25 years' of experience in the areas of pharmacy clinical services, operations, compliance, and expense management, with past roles within the TriStar Division, including Director of Medication Safety, Director of Clinical Pharmacy, and, most recently, VP of Pharmacy Services. She holds an MBA from Western Governor's University, a PharmD from Samford University McWhorter School of Pharmacy, and an MS in Pharmacy from the University of Florida.

Derek Szesny, Pharm D, MPH, BCGP, is Vice President of Pharmacy & Clinical Supply Utilization at ScionHealth, overseeing enterprisewide pharmacy services across acute and outpatient settings. He leads clinical supply utilization strategies, optimizes contracting and aligns pharmacy and supply chain operations with financial and quality objectives. With expertise in multi-site management, system integration and financial stewardship, Szesny has led successful spend management initiatives, contract negotiations and operational improvements. He earned Doctor of Pharmacy and Master of Public Health degrees from the University of Kentucky and completed a post-doctoral scholar position with the University of Kentucky College of Pharmacy and Kindred Healthcare Executive Fellowship.



MONDAY | 1:30 – 2:30PM

Category: Pharmacy Clinical

Sepsis Smackdown: New Evidence, Smarter Strategies & Winning the Fight Against Infection Chaos

NOT OPEN TO SUPPLIERS

CE Credit proposed: Pharmacy, Nursing, Healthcare Executive, Supply Chain

Other Target Audiences who may be interested (no CE): Physicians

Course level: Intermediate

Sepsis continues to be a leading cause of death, requiring timely, evidence-based interventions to improve outcomes. This presentation explores the latest updates in sepsis management guidelines, emphasizing the importance of evidence-based empiric antibiotic strategies tailored to infection sources and patient factors. Attendees will gain practical insights into overcoming common challenges, including effective interdisciplinary coordination and decision-making under pressure. By integrating these strategies, clinicians can optimize sepsis care, enhancing both patient outcomes and team performance in critical situations. Don't miss this opportunity to refine your approach to sepsis management.

Learning Objectives | *At the end of this session, participants should be able to:*

- Recognize key concepts and updated evidence in sepsis management as outlined in guidelines.
- Identify evidence-based empiric antibiotic strategies for treating sepsis and implications for clinical practice.
- Recall strategies to address challenges in applying sepsis management protocols, including interdisciplinary coordination and decision-making under time pressure.

Biographies

Renee Marie Castillo, PharmD, BCCCP, is a Clinical Pharmacist, Cardiothoracic and Neurosurgical ICU and the Coordinator of the PGY-1 Pharmacy Residency Program at MountainView Hospital in Las Vegas, NV. Castillo has authored local, division and corporate-wide implemented pharmacy guidance, policies and procedures and order sets. She has established and leads the division-wide pharmacy critical care committee. She obtained her PharmD from the University of California, San Francisco and completed her PGY-1 Pharmacy Residency at the University of California, Irvine Medical Center and a PGY-2 Critical Care Pharmacy Residency at the University Medical Center of Southern Nevada.

Jeff Murawsky, M.D., FACP, is the Division Chief Medical Officer for the Far West Division of HCA Healthcare. In his current role, he oversees clinical and quality operations, physician integration and alignment for the Division's eight hospitals and additional access points. Previously, Dr. Murawsky served as the Chief Medical Officer for Sunrise Hospital and Medical Center in Las Vegas, Nevada. He received a Doctor of Medicine degree from Loyola University Stritch School of Medicine. Dr. Murawsky is Board Certified in Internal Medicine and a published author in health services research and a Fellow in the American College of Physicians.



MONDAY, Aug. 18 | 1:30 – 2:30PM

Category: Pharmacy Operations

Impact of Hospital Start-Ups, Acquisitions & Divestitures on Pharmacy Ops in Specialty Hospitals

NOT OPEN TO SUPPLIERS

CE Credit proposed: Pharmacy, Healthcare Executive, Supply Chain

Course level: Intermediate

The complexities of pharmacy operations become particularly pronounced during acquisitions, divestitures or the establishment of new hospitals—especially in the rehabilitation and behavioral health sectors. This presentation explores the risks and challenges these transitions present. It will also provide a detailed examination of the critical components involved designing and implementing pharmacy operations for a new hospital. Through a systematic approach, this presentation aims to equip healthcare leaders with the tools to navigate these transitions effectively, ensuring continuity of care, operational efficiency and enhanced patient outcomes in specialized healthcare settings.

Learning Objectives | *At the end of this session, participants should be able to:*

- Identify risks and challenges associated with pharmacy operations during the establishment of new hospitals, acquisitions or divestitures.
- Recognize systematic strategies to apply to pharmacy operations, focusing on compliance, medication safety, workflow integration and staff readiness during transitions.
- Recall practical tools and best practices to ensure operational efficiency, continuity of care and improved patient outcomes during complex transitions.

Biographies

Day Scott, PharmD, MBA, CPh, is the Assistant Vice President of Pharmacy Operations for Lifepoint Health where she leads initiatives supporting new hospital implementations and managing critical transitions across facilities. With over a decade of experience as a hospital pharmacy director and a background in academia, Scott is dedicated to empowering Directors of Pharmacy to overcome challenges while implementing enterprise standards that enhance operations and patient care. She obtained a Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Florida A&M University, as well as an MBA from Purdue University Global.

A. Chantel Alexander, PT, PharmD, is the Director of Pharmacy Operations for the Health Support Center at Lifepoint Health. She has practiced physical therapy in various settings to include inpatient rehabilitation, school system, skilled nursing facilities and occupational health. As a pharmacist, Alexander has worked in retail, LTACH, specialty medication and inpatient hospital settings. In 2017 she joined Lifepoint Health's Baptist Memorial Rehabilitation Hospital team, where she has held positions that include Pharmacy Manager and Director roles within Pharmacy, Therapy and Quality Management. Alexander earned a BS in Physical Therapy and a Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Tennessee, Health Science Center.

Jessica Prieto, PharmD, is the Director of Pharmacy at Jefferson Regional Specialty Hospital in White Hall, Arkansas. She began her career as a clinical pharmacist in a small community hospital and has focused on serving rural communities. As a first generation Mexican-American, Prieto strives to encourage young minorities to choose career paths in the medical field. She earned a Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences School of Pharmacy.



3:00 – 4:00PM Time Block

MONDAY, Aug. 18 | 3:00 – 4:00PM

Category: Professional Development (No CE)

Title TBD | with Laura Gassner Otting

OPEN TO SUPPLIERS

No CE Credit is available for this session

See registration site for full program details and presenter's bio.



MONDAY, Aug. 18 | 3:00 – 4:00PM

Category: Operations, Financial, Performance Improvement

REPEAT PROGRAM. Also offered Tues. 10:45AM

Wound Care/Regenerative Tissue—Big Changes Impacting Utilization

NOT OPEN TO SUPPLIERS

CE Credit proposed: Nursing, Supply Chain

Other Target Audiences who may be interested (no CE): Ambulatory Surgery Center

Course level: Intermediate

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MONDAY, Aug. 18 | 3:00 – 4:00PM

Category: Operations, Financial, Performance Improvement

Passing the Reins: Succession Planning for Physicians & Supply Chain Leaders

OPEN TO SUPPLIERS

CE Credit proposed: Supply Chain, Healthcare Executive

Other Target Audiences who may be interested (no CE): Ambulatory Surgery Center, Physicians

Course level: Basic

Succession planning is the process of identifying and developing potential replacements in advance of workforce attrition. The state of senior physician and supply chain leader succession planning is considered to be generally lacking in many healthcare systems, with a significant portion of these seasoned experts not having a formal plan in place to transition their knowledge or patient load when they retire or leave their practice. Medical organizations and regulatory bodies are increasingly promoting the importance of succession planning, highlighting its impact on patient care and health system stability. Specific strategies for talent management are essential to continuity of quality care, operational efficiency and cost control. To ensure successful transition, high performing systems integrate knowledge transfer planning and mentorship programs. Join presenters from one health system as they share the challenges that had to be overcome in the demanding and highly-regulated industry that is healthcare in effectively transferring complex and wide-ranging knowledge across clinical, operational, relational, and organizational contexts.

Learning Objectives | *At the end of this session, participants should be able to:*

- Recognize the risks and negative impacts of a lack of or ineffective succession planning.
- Identify the challenges faced between seasoned physicians and supply chain leaders and how to mitigate them.
- Recall key strategies for developing a successful succession program.

Biographies

Moderator

Jennie Hanson serves as Regional Vice President, HR, for HealthTrust. In this role, she is responsible for leading HR strategy and delivery on behalf of 30,000 HealthTrust employees. She joined HCA Healthcare in 2016 as the Director of Key Talent Development, with a focus on talent strategy, career management and pathway navigation for the organization's executive leaders. Hanson has more than two decades of experience leading businesses to deliver organizational objectives. Previously, she was President of West Notifications and President of GE Healthcare–Lunar. Hanson earned a BS degree from Brown University in Applied Math Economics.

Panelists

Sarah Burdick is the Administrative Director of Strategic Sourcing for Franciscan Alliance, where she oversees \$500M+ in annual contract spend. With more than 20 years of experience in healthcare supply chain, Burdick has a proven track record in building high-performing teams and developing successful sourcing strategies. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Texas A&M University.

Jonathan A. Mandelbaum, M.D., is the Medical Director of Supply Chain for Franciscan Health. He is an Indiana and American Board-certified surgeon practicing in Indianapolis specializing in laparoscopic and bariatric surgery. He earned his medical degree from Indiana University, with internship and residency at The Ohio State University Hospitals. Additionally, Dr. Mandelbaum has been a HealthTrust Physician Advisor since 2016, Indiana Pacers team surgeon since 2015, and he has been recognized as a "Top Doc" in General Surgery by *Indianapolis Monthly* for 19 years.

Dawn Thackston, RN, BS, MS, is the Director of Value Analysis for Franciscan Alliance where she leads the Supply Chain Value Analysis program. As a leader with strong clinical knowledge, she has served on multiple advisory committees, developed education programs, clinical protocols and pathways, while also providing national guidance on patient care. Thackston has successfully developed and led a clinically integrated supply chain model to manage physician preference items, clinical spend

utilization and standardization initiatives, and built strategic business partnerships to enhance value for the organization and its patients. She is a registered nurse with more than 35 years of experience and has earned both a bachelors and a masters degree in Business from Indiana Wesleyan University.



MONDAY, Aug. 18 | 3:00 – 4:00PM

Category: Other – Clinical Resources

Leveraging Resources for Impact

NOT OPEN TO SUPPLIERS

CE Credit proposed: Supply Chain, Healthcare Executive, Nursing, Pharmacy

Certificate of Participation: Allied Health

Other Target Audiences who may be interested (no CE): Ambulatory Surgery Center, Physicians

Course level: Intermediate

Gaps exist in how clinical knowledge is accessed and used. Leveraging evidence-based information through published studies and clinician experience while also keeping a patient's values and current condition in mind, are key to delivering sound patient care. Our panel will identify barriers to accessing resources, highlight the steps toward successful initiative implementation, and will delve into how they used readily available resources for impactful changes within their health systems. This multidisciplinary approach combines clinical evidence, data-driven outcomes, and physician engagement to deliver high-value care.

Learning Objectives | *At the end of this session, participants should be able to:*

- Identify common barriers to accessing and/or leveraging evidence-based information through published studies.
- Recognize strategies for using evidence-based information and resources to support change management and decision making in the clinical setting.
- Recall real-world examples from member organizations utilizing evidence-based information and clinical resources to support successful initiatives.

Biographies

Connie Sharkey, PharmD, MS, is a Director of Clinical Services at HealthTrust, where she provides support for HealthTrust members and colleagues through evidence analyses, physician insights, and the HealthTrust Huddle online community. Previously, Sharkey served as a manager on the Knowledge Center team at HCA, where she conducted evidence-based literature evaluations, provided initiative support, precepted managed care pharmacy residents, and presented clinical education sessions to colleagues across the organization. She received a Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Belmont University College of Pharmacy and completed a PGY-1 pharmacy residency at Jackson-Madison County General Hospital.

Jessica Corso, BSN, RN, CWOCA, is a Category Sourcing Administrator in supply chain for Franciscan Alliance, Inc., where she has managed and leveraged HealthTrust and local contracts for clinical commodities, point of care testing, and clinical purchased services for the past four years, while maintaining functional relationships with suppliers. Corso obtained a BSN from Indiana University, then began her graduate nursing career at Franciscan Health Lafayette East (formerly St. Elizabeth Regional Health). She later attended the R.B. Turnball Jr., M.D. School of Wound Ostomy and Continence Nursing Education at Cleveland Clinic and is a certified wound, ostomy, continence nurse.

Karen J. Morelli, RN, BSN, is a Supply Chain Value Analysis professional with Optum Insight. She has 32 years' prior experience as a nurse with practiced specialties that include Med/Surg, ICU, Telemetry, Education, Occupational Health and Management. Morelli supports an IDN in the Northeast and is passionate about excellent patient care through evidenced-based product selection and standardization. Morelli obtained a BSN from UMaine Orono, then began her graduate nursing career at Waldo County General Hospital in Belfast Maine.

Pamela Norman, RN, BSN, is a Director of Clinical Services at HealthTrust where she manages the Innovation Center, provides clinical support to members and Strategic Sourcing to aid in evidence-based decision-making, and leverages the voice of HealthTrust's Physician Advisors. Previously, she served as Director, Children's Services at Gulf Coast Regional Medical Center and Manager, Children's Services at Centennial Children's Hospital. She has been in leadership for 14+ years and has led teams in the strategic expansion of pediatric service lines, including additions of PICU, Level 3 NICU, regional transport, and outpatient sedation. She received a BS in Nursing from the University of South Florida.



MONDAY, Aug. 18 | 3:00 – 4:00PM

Category: Pharmacy Leadership

2025 Executive Pharmacy Exchange Focus Session

NOT OPEN TO SUPPLIERS

CE Credit proposed: Pharmacy, Healthcare Executive

Other Target Audiences who may be interested (no CE): Ambulatory Surgery Center, Physicians

Course level: Advanced

The Executive Pharmacy Exchange (EPE) is approaching its fifth anniversary at HealthTrust University Conference. Consistently each year, the topic of workforce management has been a primary focus and continues to be a significant industry issue. While the EPE creates realistic problem and solution sharing, this Focus Session will allow direct attendee participation and discussion in problem-solving around workforce management issues.

Pharmacy technician vacancies are more than double in comparison to pharmacist vacancies with turnover rates being similar. Turnover is an increasing trend since 2014. Technician turnover is mainly identified in positions external to their organizations (e.g., pursuing higher pay), followed by leaving healthcare all together (e.g., for higher pay and lessened workload).

Learning Objectives | *At the end of this session, participants should be able to:*

- Recognize key strategies to promote retention rates for pharmacy technicians.
- Recall elements to successful technician advancement, education and career ladder development.
- Identify innovative ideas for effective recruitment and retention of pharmacy technicians.

Biographies

Moderator

Kara Fortune, PharmD, is the Sr. Director, Pharmacy Solutions at HealthTrust Performance Group where she is focused on helping hospitals and health systems accelerate clinical, operational and financial performance. She is a pharmacy preceptor and serves as President of The University of Tennessee College of Pharmacy Alumni Association Board of Directors where she received her doctorate. Fortune has her Well-Being Ambassador Certificate from ASHP and she completed a pharmacy practice residency at the VA Tennessee Valley Healthcare System and an oncology pharmacy specialty residency at Methodist University Hospital.

Panelists

Jeanne Anderson, PharmD, MBA, serves as the Executive Director of Pharmacy Services at Beacon Health System, overseeing pharmacy operations across multiple locations. With more than 20 years of experience, she is a proven leader in optimizing pharmacy services, driving operational efficiencies and implementing strategic healthcare initiatives. Since joining Beacon in 2013, Anderson has held key roles, including Pharmacy Manager and Director of Pharmacy. Her notable achievements include leading the integration of Beacon Specialty Pharmacy, optimizing 340B program savings and spearheading innovative pharmacy design projects. Anderson earned a Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Ferris State University and an MBA from Indiana University South Bend.

Holly Kaczmarek, PharmD, is the Pharmacy Director at Elkhart General Hospital where she specializes in Pharmacy Operations and is known for her ability to analyze data, streamline processes and refine day-to-day functions for accuracy, quality, compliance and patient safety. Kaczmarek has more than 25 years of experience in hospital and home care pharmacy and has received multiple honors, including the Exceptional Commitment to Quality Award. She earned a PharmD at South Dakota State University and is a member of ASHP. Passionate about helping children succeed, Kaczmarek participates in her community's Five Star Life Program.

Rose Martin, BS, CPhT, CSPT, RPT, is the Program Director and Clinical Instructor, StaRX Pharmacy Technician Training Program for HealthTrust Workforce Solutions. She has more than 30 years of experience in the pharmacy industry within retail and healthcare settings. Martin obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology and Bio Chemistry at the University of South Florida. She also holds a Florida Biology 6-12 Teaching License and is a Certified Pharmacy Technician, Certified Sterile Pharmacy Technician and a Registered Pharmacy Technician with the Florida Board of Pharmacy.

Shelley Nesbitt, PharmD, CPh, is the Director of Pharmacy for HCA Healthcare's Florida Palms West Hospital, where she is responsible for Inpatient Hospital Pharmacy Services. She previously served as a Clinical Instructor of Pharmacy Practice for Palm Beach Atlantic Gregory School of Pharmacy and later as a Clinical Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice. Prior to HCA, Nesbitt's 19 years of experience include

working as a Pharmacy Director in a public hospital system, with five years as the Clinical Director of Operations. She obtained a Doctorate in Pharmacy from the Nova Southeastern University College of Pharmacy.



MONDAY, Aug. 18 | 3:00 – 4:00PM

Category: Pharmacy Clinical

Building Stronger Bones With Technology: Advanced Practice Pharmacists Transform Osteoporosis Care

NOT OPEN TO SUPPLIERS

CE Credit proposed: Pharmacy

Other Target Audiences who may be interested (no CE): Family Practice Physicians, Ambulatory Surgery Center

Course level: Intermediate

Discover innovative advancements in osteoporosis care from a pharmacist-run clinic. This presentation will detail how expanding the role of pharmacists has led to improved patient outcomes, increased provider access and reduced healthcare costs. Attendees will learn how leveraging advanced technology and implementing streamlined, standardized workflows can expedite treatment initiation, minimize waits and optimize medication management. Presenters will showcase how advanced practice pharmacists can transform osteoporosis care and become key drivers to elevate patient care and create a more efficient and effective healthcare system.

Learning Objectives | *At the end of this session, participants should be able to:*

- Recall strategies to leverage technology using an advanced practice pharmacist-run osteoporosis clinic to improve patient outcomes, streamline workflows and reduce delays in treatment initiation.
- Recognize the role of advanced practice pharmacists in optimizing medication management, enhancing adherence and standardizing the care of osteoporosis.
- Identify the cost-saving benefits and improved access to care achieved by expanding the role of pharmacists in osteoporosis management.

Biographies

Amy McKaskle, PharmD, APh, BCACP, is the Manager of Ambulatory Clinical Pharmacy Services at Scripps Health. She joined Scripps in 2016 as one of the first Advanced Practice Pharmacists, where she established ambulatory clinical pharmacy services in hypertension and osteoporosis before moving into her current leadership role. Previously, McKaskle worked at Kaiser Permanente in Northern California in many different clinical ambulatory care roles. She earned a PharmD degree at the University of California, San Francisco, where she subsequently completed a post-graduate residency with a focus on ambulatory care.

Angela Rosenblatt, M.S., PharmD, BCPS, BCNSP, APh, CPEL, is the Corporate Director of Pharmacy, Ambulatory and Scripps Cancer Center Pharmacy Services at Scripps Health. Under her leadership, Scripps has developed a strong clinical pharmacy presence in the ambulatory space, establishing a comprehensive formulary process and integrating Advanced Practice Pharmacists in specialties such as osteoporosis, neurology, geriatrics, anticoagulation and oncology improving outcomes and reducing costs. With extensive experience as a clinical leader and Pharmacy Director, Rosenblatt holds advanced degrees in Microbiology and Pharmacy. She completed a residency at University of Southern California and is double board-certified, as well as a Certified Pharmacy Executive Leader.



MONDAY, Aug. 18 | 3:00 – 4:00PM

Category: Pharmacy Operations

I Know What We Did Last Shortage—Mitigating Medication Safety Risks Related to Drug Shortages

NOT OPEN TO SUPPLIERS

CE Credit proposed: Pharmacy, Nursing, Supply Chain

Other Target Audiences who may be interested (no CE): Ambulatory Surgery Center

Course level: Intermediate

Healthcare professionals deal continuously with drug shortages. Tasked to swiftly address shortages with limited information, they must ensure continuity of care for patients by pivoting quickly to alternate products or therapies. This can lead to gaps in the processes normally taken for product evaluation and stakeholder education. Despite best efforts, this can introduce risks that can go unrecognized until an error or delay in therapy occurs. Presenters will cover the importance of sharing knowledge with teams specific to the systems and workflows affected within the supply chain and medication management cycle and how, with proper awareness and tools, risks related to drug shortages can be reduced.

Learning Objectives | *At the end of this session, participants should be able to:*

- Identify strategies to incorporate risk mitigation plans into the drug shortage response plan.
- Recognize potential risks to systems and workflows that can occur with a drug shortage.
- Recall risks and mitigation strategies related to medication safety during drug shortages.

Biographies

Erin Graden, PharmD, is the Director of Consolidated Pharmacy Services for HCA Healthcare where she supports COE, pharmacy distribution and supply chain, drug shortages and other initiatives. She previously worked in community pharmacy practice where she served as the Director of Pharmacy for an independent, rural community healthcare system, responsible for establishing pharmacy services to support critical access, long-term care, assisted living, outpatient clinic, county health, and retail

pharmacy settings. Graden is a graduate of the North Dakota State University College of Pharmacy in Fargo, North Dakota.

Courtney Fuller, PharmD, is the Director, Consolidated Pharmacy Services for HealthTrust where she manages the Richmond COE Pharmacy team, overseeing pharmacy operations in the Consolidated Service Center while also supporting corporate pharmacy initiatives. Previously, Fuller worked at Henrico Doctors' Hospital as an Assistant Director of Pharmacy. She later moved through various Director of Pharmacy roles at Henrico campuses, where she gained a wealth of experience, including operations of a multi-campus facility, diversion prevention, medication safety, automation, and informatics. Fuller graduated from Virginia Commonwealth University's Medical College of Virginia (MCV) School of Pharmacy and subsequently completed a General Hospital Residency at MCV Hospitals.

Kendra Spilkin, PharmD, is the Director of Clinical Systems Integration at HealthTrust. In her current role, she strives to utilize comprehensive solutions, standardization and technology to ensure exceptional patient care and medication safety. Previously, Spilkin was a Clinical Specialist in a Level IV neonatal intensive care unit before moving into facility pharmacy leadership, initially for pediatrics then as a Clinical Pharmacy Manager at HCA's TriStar Centennial Medical Center. She earned a Doctor of Pharmacy from Butler University and completed her residency at Norton Children's Hospital in Louisville.





Breakout Sessions for CE-based Education,
Professional Development & Micro Education

TUESDAY, Aug. 19, 2025

Note: Information up to date as of April 29. Presenters and CE credit proposed vs. awarded subject to change.

KEY

CE-based Education Sessions | HT Members & HT Staff; **Suppliers, only where highlighted**
Professional Development Sessions | All Attendees, including Suppliers (No CE credit)
Micro Education Sessions | HT Members & HT Staff Only (No CE credit)
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30-Minute Micro Education Sessions

No CE credit

10 – 10:30 AM Time Block

MICRO EDUCATION | **Advisory Services** | **Category: HealthTrust Solutions**

Who's Managing Your Consignment? Taking Control to Reduce Costs & Risks

NOT OPEN TO SUPPLIERS

Managing consignment inventory effectively is critical to balancing cost control, operational efficiency and patient care in healthcare organizations. This session will provide a comprehensive guide to best practices in consignment management, helping attendees understand how to implement agreements, set inventory levels and ensure accurate and efficient charge capture. Learn the benefits of a collaborative approach to management and how to apply the structure to your own organization, while making the best decisions for both patients and the hospital.

Plan to leave with actionable insights to strengthen your organization's consignment processes, identify risks and drive financial and operational success.

Presenters:

Drew Presler, AVP Advisory Services, HealthTrust Performance Group

Courtney Kleeb, Sr. Director Advisory Services, HealthTrust Performance Group

MICRO EDUCATION | MDM | Category: HealthTrust Solutions

The Future of Spine Surgery: Positioning Providers for Success in a World of Robotics & Navigation

NOT OPEN TO SUPPLIERS

Robotics and navigation systems are drastically changing how surgical procedures are conducted across the country—offering greater precision, faster recovery times and new possibilities for complex procedures. As adoption grows and technologies advance, providers face critical decisions, including how to invest wisely, effectively managing physician demand, appropriately training staff, and integrating the technology into existing surgical workflows. This session will discuss the costs, benefits, challenges, and best practices hospitals should consider when introducing new technology.

Presenters:

Keith McReynolds, AVP Robotics, HealthTrust Performance Group

Dr. Thomas Payne, Executive Medical Director, HCA Healthcare

MICRO EDUCATION | Special Ops | Category: HealthTrust Solutions

From Fragmentation to Integration: Strategies for Efficient & Sustainable Shared Services

NOT OPEN TO SUPPLIERS

Health systems recognize the need to transition from traditional supply chain models to integrated shared services, but many struggle with fragmented processes, resource constraints and organizational resistance. This session will explore the common challenges health systems face in scaling shared services and the strategies to overcome them. Learn how to streamline logistics, reallocate supply tasks away from nursing, and build a sustainable shared services framework that enhances efficiency and reduces costs. Through real-world case studies and expert insights, discover how to navigate the complexities of transformation and create a more resilient, patient-focused healthcare system.

Presenters:

Issam Abouzahr, AVP Special Operations, HealthTrust Performance Group

Erin Boten, Sr. Director Special Operations, HealthTrust Performance Group

MICRO EDUCATION | MDM/CDS | Category: HealthTrust Solutions

Balancing Quality of Care & Supply Costs in a Value-based Care Environment

NOT OPEN TO SUPPLIERS

With the introduction of TEAM (Transforming Episode Accountability Model), CMS is making it clear that the shift to value-based care is here to stay. Thriving in this environment can be a challenge, but it also creates real opportunities for both supply chain and service line leaders. This discussion will highlight member organizations who are leveraging analytics as a catalyst in a value-based care environment to strengthen physician partnerships, enhance patient care and reduce costs.

Presenters:

Dana Anderson, Administrative Director of Cardiovascular Services, HCA Houston, Clear Lake, Mainland

Scott Driskell, Director MDM, HealthTrust Performance Group

Kim Wright, AVP Clinical Data Solutions, HealthTrust Performance Group

MICRO EDUCATION | Supply Chain Consulting | Category: HealthTrust Solutions

The Freight Factor: Unlocking Cost Savings & Efficiency in Healthcare Logistics

NOT OPEN TO SUPPLIERS

Every day, health systems receive thousands of shipments—each with a seemingly small freight cost. But add them up, and the impact to your bottom line is anything but minor. Hidden within your supply chain is a powerful opportunity to cut costs and boost efficiency. In this session, we'll demystify the complexities of healthcare freight management and deliver actionable strategies to help you optimize shipping, reduce expenses and improve operational flow. Don't let the overlooked costs of freight eat into your budget—discover how to take control and drive meaningful savings.

Presenter:

Jason Hanson, VP, Supply Chain Solutions, HealthTrust Performance Group

MICRO EDUCATION | Pharmacy | Category: HealthTrust Solutions

360 Pharmacy: Driving Value With a Full-Circle Approach

NOT OPEN TO SUPPLIERS

Hospital pharmacies face the challenge of balancing cost savings with operational efficiencies while ensuring high-quality patient care. This session explores a comprehensive, full-circle approach to pharmacy management that optimizes resources, enhances workflows and eliminates waste. Learn how to identify cost-saving opportunities, improve efficiency through strategic decision-making and implement best practices that drive long-term value. Through real-world examples and expert insights, discover how a well-structured pharmacy strategy can lead to better financial outcomes and improved patient care.

Presenters:

Jeanne Alexander, Executive Director, Pharmacy Services Beacon Health System

Aigner George, AVP Pharmacy Services, HealthTrust Performance Group

Haley Peel, Director, Clinical Pharmacy Member Support, HealthTrust Performance Group

MICRO EDUCATION | Regard | Category: HealthTrust Solutions

Systemwide Product Conversions: The Challenges, Lessons Learned & Best Practices

NOT OPEN TO SUPPLIERS

While converting to a new HealthTrust contracted product systemwide provides significant value, it can also present some challenges that can impact clinical operations and physician satisfaction. This discussion will talk through best practices and lessons learned for systemwide conversions. Whether you are a small IDN with three hospitals or a large IDN with more than 100, we will share tips for successfully integrating new products into your hospital without disrupting operations.

Presenter:

Rick Parrish, AVP Clinical Implementation, HealthTrust Performance Group



10:45 – 11:45AM Time Block

TUESDAY, Aug. 19 | 10:45 – 11:45AM

Category: Professional Development (No CE)

Why Not Now? | with Amy Jo Martin

OPEN TO SUPPLIERS

See registration site for full program details



TUESDAY, Aug. 19 | 10:45 – 11:45AM

Category: Operations, Financial, Performance Improvement

REPEAT PROGRAM. Also offered Mon., Aug. 18 @3PM

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NOT OPEN TO SUPPLIERS

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Course level: Intermediate

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TUESDAY, Aug. 19 | 10:45 – 11:45AM

Category: Other – Clinical Initiatives / Patient Care

Crash Cart Standardization: A Multi-disciplinary Collaboration

OPEN TO SUPPLIERS

CE Credit proposed: Nursing, Pharmacy, Supply Chain

Course level: Basic

A multi-disciplinary team collaboration is essential to standardize supplies and medications on all crash carts across a multi-facility hospital system. This involves planning and processing to ensure uniformity in inventory, with trackable systems for expiration dates and locations. Presenters will reveal key steps to a successful initiative—conducting audits, defining standard operating procedures and implementing regular checks. Learn how effective communication between pharmacy, nursing and logistics is crucial to maintain consistency, ensure compliance and optimize patient safety during emergencies. Join this session and explore strategies for standardizing and tracking crash carts to improve efficiency and reduce the risk of expired or missing items across your organization.

Learning Objectives | *At the end of this session, participants should be able to:*

- Recognize the benefits of standardizing crash cart supplies and medications across a multi-facility hospital system to enhance patient safety and operational efficiency.
- Identify tactics for working with diverse healthcare teams (pharmacy, nursing, logistics) to create and implement standardized processes for crash cart management.
- Recall strategies for utilizing technology for tracking expiration dates, product locations and usage to ensure timely restocking and prevent errors in emergency situations.

Biographies

Jeff Kaminski, BSN, RN, MBA, is the Division Clinical Resource Director at HealthTrust, supporting HCA Healthcare's MidAmerican Division. He has 28 years of experience in home health, surgical services, quality and supply chain. Prior to joining HealthTrust, Kaminski worked as a Registered Nurse for Centerpoint Medical Center of Independence. His leadership demonstrates the power of collaboration in achieving impactful healthcare outcomes while emphasizing sustainable healthcare. He is a clinical expert, always available to his team and others. Kaminski holds a bachelor's degree in nursing from Emporia State University and an MBA from Baker University.

Melanie Leise, MSN, RN, is the Vice President of Nursing Operations at HCA Midwest Health, with over a decade of healthcare experience. She began her career as an ER nurse in Nebraska and joined HCA Healthcare in 2014. Her previous leadership roles include Director of Emergency Services at North Suburban Medical Center and overseeing hospital operations at Sky Ridge Medical Center. Known for driving outcomes and fostering employee engagement, she achieved 0% turnover in multiple departments. Leise holds a bachelor's in nursing from Clarkson College and a master's in nursing from the Denver College of Nursing.

Katrina Sanders, BSN, RN, is the Division Specialty Educator, Critical Care for HCA Healthcare's Midwest Division where she combines her clinical expertise with a passion for education. She fosters an engaging, supportive learning environment, empowering nursing students and staff with the skills to provide high-quality patient care. Sanders is committed to lifelong learning, continually updating her expertise to stay current with the latest healthcare advancements. She earned a BSN from Cox College and has built a career focused on teaching and mentoring nursing professionals.

Kevin Welch, PharmD, MBA, BCPS, is the Division Director of Clinical Pharmacy for the HCA/HealthTrust MidAmerica Division in Kansas City, where he oversees the clinical pharmacy program and is responsible for clinical initiatives that impact drug utilization, medication safety, and pharmacy staff development. He previously served in various clinical leadership roles and practiced as an emergency medicine pharmacist. Welch received his Doctor of Pharmacy and Master in Business Administration degrees from

Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska. He completed his residency training at CHRISTUS Trinity Mother Frances in Tyler, Texas.



TUESDAY, Aug. 19 | 10:45 – 11:45AM

Category: Other – Clinical Initiatives / Patient Care

Spine & Orthopedic Implants: Are They Really All the Same?

NOT OPEN TO SUPPLIERS

CE Credit proposed: Supply Chain, Nursing, Healthcare Executive

Other Target Audiences who may be interested (no CE): Ambulatory Surgery Center, Physicians

Course level: Advanced

The creation, pricing and management of implant formularies for spine, knee and shoulder surgeries require a structured approach to ensure clinical effectiveness, cost-efficiency and optimal patient outcomes. Formulary development involves identifying key products based on clinical efficacy, outcomes data and vendor negotiations. Join presenters as they share expertise on pricing strategies with a focus on cost comparison, value-based pricing and cost-effectiveness models that consider long-term outcomes and total care costs. Learn how to navigate these product evaluations through effective formulary management that entails monitoring implant utilization, updating the formulary based on product performance and clinician feedback and effectively negotiating contracts with suppliers.

Learning Objectives | *At the end of this session, participants should be able to:*

- Identify critical factors involved in developing an orthopedic implant formulary.
- Recognize best practices for orthopedic implant formulary management.
- Recall strategies for negotiating with suppliers, managing contracts and ensuring adherence to formulary guidelines.

Biographies

Moderator

Chris Stewart is the VP of Medical Device Management for HealthTrust, responsible for leading a team who works with hospitals and ASCs to actively manage their clinically sensitive implant service lines through data-driven custom sourcing and analytic engagements. He has 20 years of healthcare leadership experience in medical device management, value-based initiatives, technology development, supply chain transformation and digital acceleration. Stewart has presented on topics that include digital healthcare transformation, innovative technologies and data integration, shifting reimbursement models, and the future of supply chain delivery. He obtained a B.S. degree from the Haslam College of Business at the University of Tennessee.

Panelists

James Bruffey, M.D., is an orthopedic surgeon with Scripps Health and a HealthTrust Physician Advisor. He treats a variety of diseases and conditions of the musculoskeletal system and has expertise in lumbar and cervical disc herniation, adult spondylolisthesis and degenerative scoliosis, post-traumatic spinal conditions, spinal stenosis, cervical myelopathy and radiculopathy, adjacent segment disease after

fusion, revision surgery and spinal fractures related to osteoporosis, tumor, and trauma. Dr. Bruffey's research focuses on fusion outcomes in anterior lumbar spinal surgery and neurologic monitoring and protection for lateral transpsoas-based surgical procedures. He received his medical degree from Ohio State University College of Medicine.

Jason Jones, M.D., is an orthopedic surgeon with Nashville Knee in Nashville, Tennessee, where he specializes in sports injuries and shoulder and knee surgery. He is also a HealthTrust Physician Advisor. Previously, Dr. Jones served as the assistant team physician to the New York Jets and the New York Islanders. He has extensive training in minimally invasive surgery of the shoulder, knee, ankle and elbow, as well as joint replacement of the knee and shoulder. Dr. Jones is board certified in Orthopedic Surgery and graduated from East Tennessee State University.

Drew Torres is the AVP of Medical Device Management for HealthTrust where he leads a team partnering with hospitals and ASCs to optimize implant service lines through data-driven sourcing and analytics. With 16 years of healthcare leadership experience in medical device management, value-based initiatives and contract implementation, Torres has a proven track record of driving operational excellence. Before joining HealthTrust, he held various commercial leadership roles at Medtronic, blending his clinical insight with strategic expertise to deliver innovative solutions in healthcare management. Torres earned an M.A. in Clinical Psychology from Appalachian State University.



TUESDAY, Aug. 19 | 10:45 – 11:45AM

Category: Pharmacy Leadership

Standardization, an Elusive Dream to Catch for Multisite Acute Care Systems

NOT OPEN TO SUPPLIERS

CE Credit proposed: Pharmacy, Nursing

Course level: Intermediate

How “standard” is your hospital? Every hospital has individual needs, but as healthcare and specifically medication management practices become more complex, it is crucial to operate on standards. This enables clinicians to perform in consistent environments which is foundational to patient safety. However, this is not an easy road to travel—aligning technology and processes within healthcare technology limitations. Join presenters for a deep dive into their leadership journey on standardizing technology and practice with specific examples from their accomplished results.

Learning Objectives | *At the end of this session, participants should be able to:*

- Recall current challenges in medication management system standardization.
- Recognize strategies to standardize medication management practices through effective planning and leadership.
- Identify real-world examples of benefits from standardized medication management practices at the facility or enterprise level.

Biographies

Carley Warren, PharmD, BCPS, CPPS, is a Manager of Medication Safety at HCA Corporate, where she leads several enterprisewide committees and initiatives focused on improving care for patients through system and process redesign. She also serves in a number of external organizations to advance safe medication management practices. Warren earned a Doctor of Pharmacy degree at Drake University College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences and completed pharmacy residency training at Kaiser Permanente Colorado and another in medication use safety at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center.

Laurie Perkins, PharmD, is the Director, Clinical Pharmacy Operations at HealthTrust where she is focused on formulary management, shortage mitigation and IV pump standardization. She has more than 20 years of experience, previously as a Critical Care Pharmacist and Clinical Pharmacy Manager with HCA and post residency at Ascension St. Thomas as a Clinical Pharmacist in the heart failure and heart and kidney transplant clinics, and as a Critical Care Pharmacist. Perkins obtained a Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Tennessee Health Sciences Center College of Pharmacy and received residency training through Ascension St. Thomas in Nashville, Tennessee.



TUESDAY, Aug. 19 | 10:45 – 11:45AM

Category: Pharmacy Clinical

Better Beta-Lactam Guidance—A Multifaceted Approach

NOT OPEN TO SUPPLIERS

CE Credit proposed: Pharmacy, Nursing

Other Target Audiences who may be interested (no CE): Ambulatory Surgery Center, Physicians

Course level: Intermediate

Selecting the most appropriate antibiotic for a given indication is a core measure of antibiotic stewardship. In the perioperative setting, selecting an appropriate first-line option has been shown to have a significant impact on the rate of surgical site infections. In most surgical settings, cefazolin is the preferred antibiotic option for prophylaxis. Cefazolin has been shown to be a safe, preferred option, even in the setting of a documented allergy with other beta-lactam antibiotics due to its unique chemical structure. Learn how presenters initiated a plan at their IDN to stream-line and standardize the preferred antibiotic options, provided easy to access tools and information, removed unnecessary and misleading automated alerts, and provided education about recent evidence on the topic to support the changes being made.

Learning Objectives | *At the end of this session, participants should be able to:*

- Recall the importance of utilizing first-line preferred antibiotic options for pre-operative surgical prophylaxis.
- Identify barriers and education gaps that may inhibit the selection of preferred antibiotic options.
- Recognize strategies to improve the rate of selection and utilization of preferred antibiotic options at the facility level.

Biographies

Krista McCoy, PharmD, BCPS, is the Executive Director of Clinical Pharmacy & Medication Management at Mercy. With experience in pharmacy operations, clinical services management, medication safety, formulary management and pharmacy supply chain program development, she has been a key player in enhancing patient care at Mercy. Previously, McCoy has held various roles, including clinical pharmacist, facility Director of Pharmacy and GPO Pharmacy Account Director. She completed her Doctor of Pharmacy degree at St. Louis College of Pharmacy and her PGY-1 Pharmacy Practice Residency at Yuma Regional Medical Center.

Alex Bryant, PharmD, is a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist in Infectious Diseases at Mercy Hospital St. Louis. He co-chairs the local and Mercy system antimicrobial stewardship committees and holds an adjunct faculty position at the St. Louis College of Pharmacy. Bryant is also an active member of the Society of Infectious Diseases Pharmacists. He graduated from the St. Louis College of Pharmacy and completed a PGY-1 residency at Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center in Shreveport, Louisiana, followed by a PGY-2 residency in Infectious Diseases at West Virginia University in Morgantown, West Virginia.



TUESDAY, Aug. 19 | 10:45 – 11:45AM

Category: Pharmacy Operations

Finding the Treasure in Expired Drug Waste—A Centralized Management Focus

NOT OPEN TO SUPPLIERS

CE Credit proposed: Pharmacy, Supply Chain, Healthcare Executive

Course level: Intermediate

Pharmaceutical returns management is a critical, yet often overlooked, area of pharmacy operations, impacting financial performance, regulatory compliance and environmental sustainability. Discover actionable strategies for optimizing pharmaceutical returns processes to maximize credit recovery, reduce waste and ensure compliance with state and federal regulations. Through real-world case studies, participants will learn how data analytics, centralized oversight and standardized procedures can transform their operations. The session will also highlight practical tools and best practices that attendees can immediately implement to drive measurable improvements in efficiency.

Learning Objectives | *At the end of this session, participants should be able to:*

- Identify key inefficiencies, financial and environmental impacts related to the pharmaceutical returns processes.
- Recall data-driven strategies to maximize credit recovery and ensure compliance with regulatory requirements in pharmaceutical returns.
- Recognize standardized procedures for waste reduction and operational improvement in pharmaceutical returns management.

Biographies

Todd White, PharmD, MBA-HM, BCSCP, is AVP of Pharmacy Operations for Lifepoint Health, with more than 37 years of pharmacy experience. He has served as the Corporate Director of Medication Informatics, where he was responsible for implementing advanced technology systems to optimize medication management and enhance patient safety, and as a Director of Pharmacy, where he oversaw the operations and quality assurance of the Pharmacy Department. White graduated from Creighton University, earning a Doctor in Pharmacy degree. He obtained BCSCP certification and a master's degree in Business and Healthcare Administration.

Bryan Jones, DPh, MS, Pharmacy Administration, is AVP of Pharmacy Operations at Lifepoint Health, with more than 38 years of dedicated experience in the field. Previously, he was the Director of Pharmacy, responsible for managing pharmaceutical operations. Jones' specialty lies in remote order entry, enhancing pharmaceutical service delivery through technological advancements. He is committed to excellence, driving advancements in pharmacy practices and ensuring top-tier patient care. Jones obtained BS and MS degrees in Pharmacy from The University of Tennessee and he completed an ASHP-accredited pharmacy residency focused on administration.



1:45 – 2:45PM Time Block



TUESDAY, Aug. 19 | 1:45 – 2:45PM

Category: Operations, Financial, Performance Improvement

Empowering Care Teams With the Responsible Use of Artificial Intelligence

OPEN TO SUPPLIERS

CE Credit proposed: Healthcare Executive, Nursing, Pharmacy, Supply Chain

Certificate of Participation: Allied Health

Other Target Audiences who may be interested (no CE): Ambulatory Surgery Center, Physicians

Course level: Intermediate

Artificial intelligence has the potential to forever change access and speed to information and answers, as well as automate processes that offer clinicians more time providing hands-on patient care and less time on tasks such as documentation and staff scheduling. At its best, AI can positively impact clinical outcomes, empower the workforce, improve administrative efficiencies, expand patient care capacity and more. However, health systems must proceed with caution. AI developers want to train and test their models and algorithms to prove they actually work in the real world. This often means that buried

in the scope of work are requests to own a provider's data or share it with other entities who are adding their intelligence to test and make more robust the very same models. Join us to hear from an expert physician at one of the nation's leading healthcare systems who will share critical knowledge for unlocking the benefits of AI while upholding the highest standards of safety, security and trust. Attendees will gain knowledge around the importance of establishing a robust governance framework as well as policies to assist their organizations in selecting technology partners and evaluating software and solutions that enable them to use AI with the utmost safety, effectiveness and accountability.

Learning Objectives | *At the end of this session, participants should be able to:*

- Recall specific uses of AI and leveraging data and analytics in providing clinical teams with actionable insights that inform and enhance patient care and potentially patient outcomes.
- Identify potential risks in selecting technology partners to enable the use of AI within a healthcare system.
- Recognize guidelines for establishing internal governance and policies for evaluating the responsible use of AI within their own healthcare organizations.

Biography

Michael Schlosser, M.D., MBA, is the Senior Vice President of Care Transformation & Innovation for HCA Healthcare. There he leads the Digital Transformation & Innovation team which is focused on redesigning care models across the IDN's acute care facilities, utilizing digitally enabled, patient centered and highly efficient care delivery. Previously, he was Chief Medical Officer (CMO) for HCA's National Group and, prior to that, he was the CMO for HealthTrust. Dr. Schlosser practiced neurosurgery for 10 years prior to leaving practice to join HealthTrust. He earned a medical degree from the Yale University School of Medicine and an MBA from the Vanderbilt Owen Graduate School of Management.



TUESDAY, Aug. 19 | 1:45 – 2:45PM

Category: Other – Value Analysis

Visibility Through Continuous Integration: Building Supply Chain Resiliency

OPEN TO SUPPLIERS

CE Credit proposed: Supply Chain, Healthcare Executive, Nursing

Other Target Audiences who may be interested (no CE): Ambulatory Surgery Center, Physicians

Course level: Intermediate

In the ever-changing and evolving complexity of healthcare, it is imperative that provider supply chains build resiliency into their strategic action plans. Visibility into recalls, product interruptions, allocations and clinical equivalents is vital to the success and survivability of healthcare organizations. Developing a strategic plan for product disruptions, is crucial for all hospitals to survive a volatile supply chain that has historically weathered pandemics, disasters and other challenges that have directly impacted patient care. Presenters from a city- and county-owned health system's supply chain will discuss core steps for resiliency strategies, planning and implementation and illustrate how they overcame siloed work

processes that previously impaired visibility to the interconnected ecosystem of an IDN. They will also discuss adopting and advancing current industry best practices with a “how-to” approach, which can provide attendees with steps to achieving supply chain resiliency at their own facilities.

Learning Objectives | *At the end of this session, participants should be able to:*

- Recognize the impact of supply chain resiliency on a healthcare institution.
- Identify strategies to build supply chain resiliency within a health system.
- Recall the components of supply chain visibility that are vital to supply chain resiliency.

Biographies

Moderator

David Mimms, MBA, CMRP, has served as the Director of Supply Chain/Logistics for Memorial Health Systems in Gulfport, Mississippi, since 2015. In his 25 years of service, he has directed healthcare supply chains for Emergency Medical Services, an LTACH hospital, an acute care hospital and clinic organizations. Mimms has established operational efficiencies in the supply chain, including product standardization, centralized distribution centers and value analysis. His ability to collaborate with all areas of healthcare has made him successful in his career. Mimms obtained an MBA from William Carey University and is CMRP certified.

Panelists

Elizabeth Shantel Sherman, BS-HAE, RN, LSSGB, is the Value Analyst at Memorial Hospital at Gulfport. As a skilled leader with strong clinical knowledge, she collaborates on several multidisciplinary committees and has developed successful value analysis and recall programs. She serves as the clinical subject matter expert for supply chain. Sherman successfully implemented a clinically integrated supply chain model that helps manage physician preference items, capital spend utilization and standardization initiatives. She has 14 years of experience in Informatics and Perioperative Leadership and holds a bachelor’s degree from William Carey University.

Rene Waguespack, BS, BA, is a Contract Manager for Memorial Health System. He is a leader with experience in the sourcing and finance pillars of supply chain, with additional background in accounting and internal audit. Waguespack utilizes his diverse background to be an integral collaborator in developing strategies, defining processes and performing implementations to achieve organizational objectives and goals. He has redesigned the contracting process and standardized data-based deliverables. In collaboration with teammates, his greater emphasis is building supply resiliency to mitigate impacts on patient care. Waguespack earned bachelor’s degrees from the University of New Orleans (Accounting) and Southeastern Louisiana University (Marketing).

Stephanie Wright is a Sr. Procurement and Informatics Specialist at Memorial Health System. She is a seasoned professional with more than 18 years of experience in the healthcare industry, carrying a diverse skill set and specializing in supply chain procurement. Wright leverages her extensive knowledge to enhance operational efficiency and streamline procurement processes. Her commitment to training and development has made her a valuable resource for her colleagues, helping them navigate the complexities of supply chain dynamics. Wright has studied business administration at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College and at the University of South Alabama.



TUESDAY, Aug. 19 | 1:45 – 2:45PM

Category: Supply Chain Management

REPEAT PROGRAM. Also offered Mon. @1:30PM

The Value of Contracting: Maximizing Purchased Services Sourcing

OPEN TO SUPPLIERS

CE Credit proposed: Supply Chain, Healthcare Executive

Course level: Intermediate

Do you struggle to control your purchased services spend? Does the complexity of purchased services overwhelm you? Learn how two IDNs took control of their purchased services by developing and implementing a turnkey program. With a heightened focus on the value contracting plays in effectively managing costs, discover how these organizations developed processes and policies to support the implementation and the sustainability of their programs for the long term, negotiating better purchased services contracts and identifying and capitalizing on savings opportunities in multiple categories. Join us and learn how these processes for managing spend, risk and stakeholders might benefit your organization.

Learning Objectives | *At the end of this session, participants should be able to:*

- Recognize the structure and support for the foundation needed to develop and implement a purchased services program from infancy to maturity.
- Identify key elements for a robust platform for purchased services program management, including program development, meeting structure and cadence, contracts, the staff and support team needed, and a roadmap.
- Recall critical benchmarks when reviewing purchased services categories and how to delve deep into data to identify hidden opportunities.

Andy Motz is the Vice President of Advisory Services for Valify Solutions Group. His experience includes serving as Chief Procurement Officer for a Midwest health system and over 10 years of Supply Chain consulting with Deloitte and Navigant at academic medical centers, community hospitals and large IDNs. As a purchased services sourcing consultant, Motz strategically positions his clients to negotiate contracts that achieve better pricing, service levels and quality outcomes. He earned a Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics from Mount St. Joseph University.

Chris Bryant, MBAHM, is the Director of Strategic Sourcing (Purchased Services) at CoxHealth, where he oversees third-party procurement, negotiates contracts, monitors vendor performance and implements strategies that optimize service delivery while driving value and excellence for the health system. He is a seasoned professional with more than 20 years of experience leading teams and departments at all levels. Bryant specializes in building high-performing teams using GROW coaching techniques to achieve

operational excellence. He obtained a BS degree from Missouri Southern State University and an MBA in healthcare administration and management from Western Governors University.

Abbi Elzinga is the Director, Shared Services Transformation for HealthTrust and a dynamic healthcare supply chain leader with a passion for driving operational excellence and innovation. With experience spanning consulting, project management and strategic supply chain leadership, she has worked with some of the nation's top health systems to optimize processes and eliminate inefficiencies. Elzinga's journey includes impactful roles at multiple GPOs and as a Supply Chain Director in Colorado. Currently, she supports the Special Operations team, focusing on accelerating solutions for healthcare organizations. She earned a BBA from the University of Colorado Denver Business School.

Max Washko, MBA, is the Director, Strategic Sourcing for Trinity Health, where he is responsible for overseeing Purchased Services (both clinical and non-clinical), Distribution, Affiliate Program, and Supply Chain M&A. In this role, he and his team apply sourcing best practices to support key organizational initiatives. Prior to his time at Trinity Health, Washko held supply chain roles with large organizations across industries, including manufacturing and consumer packaged goods. He earned Bachelor of Arts and Master of Business Administration degrees from Michigan State University's Eli Broad College of Business.



TUESDAY, Aug. 19 | 1:45 – 2:45PM

Category: Other – Sustainability

On the Path to Net Zero: Member Sustainability Success Stories

OPEN TO SUPPLIERS

CE Credit proposed: Nursing, Supply Chain, Healthcare Executive, Pharmacy
Other Target Audiences who may be interested (no CE): Ambulatory Surgery Center

Course level: Intermediate

In the United States, healthcare contributes to 8.5% of total carbon emissions which stems from Scope 1, Scope 2 and Scope 3 emissions. Up to 70% of a healthcare facility's waste is generated from the Operating Room, which is not only costly but it has a significant environmental impact. A focus on environmental sustainability enables a healthcare system to minimize its footprint by reducing waste, improving energy efficiency and reducing greenhouse gas emissions while serving as community role models. Subject matter experts from three member organizations who are highly engaged in sustainability work will showcase how they are minimizing their company's environmental impact. Join us to hear best practices and lessons learned that could help guide your organization to success as you navigate a similar path.

Learning Objectives | *At the end of this session, participants should be able to:*

- Recognize strategies for reducing waste, improving energy efficiency and/or reducing greenhouse gas emissions in the healthcare setting.

- Recall steps organizations can take to retire desflurane and decommission nitrous oxide medical gas pipes to reduce carbon emissions.
- Identify opportunities to reduce waste and expand recycling programs within the Operating Room and other key areas.

Biographies

Moderator

Jennifer Westendorf, DNP, RN, CNOR is the Assistant Vice President of Environmental Performance and Surgical Services, Clinical Operations at HealthTrust. In her role she manages the Surgical Advisory Board, Cardiovascular Operating Room Specialty Committee, and the Environmental Sustainability Council. Jennifer works alongside the GPO Strategic Sourcing team to integrate the clinical voice of HealthTrust's members into the sourcing process and leads the environmental sustainability program at HealthTrust. She earned a bachelor's degree from Western Michigan University, a master's degree from the University of Detroit Mercy, and a Doctorate of Nursing Practice from the University of Minnesota.

Panelists

Zoë Beck, MBA, Master of Environmental Management, is the AVP of Sustainability at HCA Healthcare where she leads the company's efforts in sustainability and environmental, social and governance (ESG) issues. Previously, Beck led the sustainability and ESG efforts for HealthTrust and Premier, working with industry suppliers, member health systems and other stakeholders to advance efforts in environmentally preferred purchasing and supplier transparency to assist health systems in achieving their related goals. She earned an MBA and Master of Environmental Management from Duke University and a B.S. in Business Administration from the University of Notre Dame.

Avery Palardy, MBA, MS, TRUE Advisor, LEED Green Associate, is the Climate & Sustainability Director at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, where she has led its award-winning sustainability program for more than six years. Focused on minimizing the environmental and public health impact of all hospital activities, Palardy collaborates across multiple departments to ensure that financial incentives align with the delivery of extraordinary and compassionate patient care as in the achievement of the organization's sustainability goals. She earned a BS degree from the University of Rochester, an MS degree from UMass Boston and an MBA from Bentley University's McCallum Graduate School of Business.

Stephanie Wicks, MBA, BS ChemEng, is the environmental sustainability lead with St. Luke's Health System. She is a dynamic and results-driven professional with over 25 years of expertise in environmental sustainability, engineering and regulatory affairs. Wicks has a proven track record in strategy development, change management and process improvement within healthcare and technology sectors. She is adept at leading cross-functional teams and driving sustainable initiatives that align with organizational goals. Wicks is a graduate of the University of Utah with a B.S. in Chemical Engineering and from the Boise State University where she earned an MBA.



TUESDAY, Aug. 19 | 1:45 – 2:45PM

Category: Pharmacy Leadership

There's a New Sheriff in Town—Guiding New Hospital Pharmacy Leaders to Achieve Excellence

NOT OPEN TO SUPPLIERS

CE Credit proposed: Pharmacy, Nursing, Supply Chain

Course level: Intermediate

Pharmacy staff may unexpectedly find themselves in leadership roles due to pharmacy leadership shortages being 4-fold higher than pharmacists. With an additional ~70% of leaders anticipating retirement in the next decade, it is expected that pharmacists frequently assume a leadership role during their careers. Many organizations lack formal onboarding for new pharmacy leaders and these new leaders face challenges in managing staff, inventory and cost containment, and service expansion. This session is designed to assist new pharmacy leaders in achieving performance excellence through discovery of tips and guidance strategies on what is truly needed to ensure departmental and personal success.

Learning Objectives | *At the end of this session, participants should be able to:*

- Recall five workflow adaptations to improve staff engagement and retention.
- Recognize strategies to improve pharmaceutical cost and inventory containment.
- Identify the current state of pharmaceutical care and new opportunities for expansion.

Biographies

Chris Saboura, RPh, MBA, serves as the Vice President of Pharmacy Services for Ardent Health, a leading provider of healthcare in communities across the country. Through its subsidiaries, Ardent owns and operates 30 hospitals and 200+ sites of care with ~1,400 aligned providers in six states. Saboura brings more than 20 years of pharmacy leadership experience to his role. Previously, he worked for HealthTrust, HCA and WellStar Health System. Saboura is a graduate of the University of Georgia College of Pharmacy and Kennesaw State University where he received an MBA. He is passionate about patient safety, the profession of pharmacy and healthcare leadership.

Leigh Anders, PharmD, is the Regional Director of Pharmacy Operations with Ardent Health. She has 13 years of experience in hospital pharmacy leadership with Presbyterian Healthcare of New Mexico and Ardent Healthcare. Anders is passionate about patient safety and using Lean Principles to improve pharmacy operations with process improvement. She has a bachelors in Business Administration from Western Illinois University and Doctor of Pharmacy from the University of New Mexico. In addition, she completed a Certification of Geriatric Pharmacy Practice from the University of Washington, School of Pharmacy.

Kerry Bowlin, CPhT, is the Pharmacy Operations Specialist with Ardent Health. She has 13 years of experience as a pharmacy buyer in a hospital setting with Boone County Hospital and Hillcrest Hospital South. During that time, she worked as a certified technician who helped with buying and pharmacy operations. Bowlin helps work toward bridging the gaps inside the pharmacy team by improving communications with other departments with the goal of strengthening patient safety. She is currently

working on a bachelor's degree in Operational Management and Analytics through the University of Arizona.

Jennifer Gass, PharmD, MS, MHA, BCPS, BCCCP, is the Clinical Director of Pharmacy Services for Ardent Health, with more than 15 years of experience as a bedside clinical pharmacist and leader. Her professional goals include growing the clinical footprint of pharmacy and ensuring responsible, safe and effective medication use for patients across the continuum of care. Gass graduated from the University of Oklahoma, College of Pharmacy, then completed both a PGY-1 and PGY-2 Critical Care residency at Memorial Herman – TMC. Following residency, she practiced as a decentralized clinical pharmacist at Memorial Hermann and Oklahoma State University Medical Center before becoming a Clinical Manager with Ardent.



TUESDAY, Aug. 19 | 1:45 – 2:45PM

Category: Pharmacy Clinical

Stop or Go? Glucagon-like Peptide 1 Receptor Agonists in the Perioperative Setting

NOT OPEN TO SUPPLIERS

CE Credit proposed: Pharmacy, Nursing

Other Target Audiences who may be interested (no CE): Ambulatory Surgery Center, Physicians

Course level: Intermediate

GLP-1 agents are being commonly prescribed for both T2DM and weight loss. There has been great debate regarding when or if GLP-1 agents should be held in the elective preoperative space due to potential risk of aspiration. The 2023 American Society of Anesthesiologists (ASA) guideline statements regarding GLP-1 receptor agonist medication management in the perioperative setting sparked significant controversy and debate among healthcare providers nationwide. Following the release of the ASA statement, multiple studies examining delayed gastric emptying and the associated risk of aspiration have been published, prompting other medical societies to issue their own guidelines on the topic. Additionally, the ASA has since released an updated set of recommendations in 2024. Presenters will review the 2023 ASA guidelines and explore the data that led to the revised multi-society recommendations.

Learning Objectives | *At the end of this session, participants should be able to:*

- Recall the key points of the 2023 American Society of Anesthesiologists (ASA) guidelines on GLP-1 receptor agonist medication management in the perioperative setting.
- Identify the impact of recent studies on delayed gastric emptying and aspiration risk and updated perioperative guidelines.
- Recognize changes in ASA's 2024 recommendations regarding GLP-1 medications in the perioperative setting and implications for clinical practice.

Biographies

Samantha Leonard, PharmD, BCPS, is the Division Director of Clinical Pharmacy Services for HCA Healthcare's Mountain Division, overseeing 11 facilities across Utah, Idaho and Alaska. She began her career as a clinical pharmacist before advancing to roles as ITG Pharmacist and Pharmacy Manager at Lakeview Hospital in Bountiful, Utah. Leonard earned a Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Roseman University of Health Sciences and is a Board-Certified Pharmacotherapy Specialist.

Filip Roos, M.D., MBA, is the Chief Medical Officer & Division Vice President of Clinical Resources for HCA Healthcare's Mountain Division. With more than 20 years in private practice as a cardiac anesthesiologist, he has served as CMO for Ogden Regional Medical Center in Utah and Chief Medical Executive at Alta Bates Summit Medical Center in Oakland, California. Dr. Roos earned a Doctor of Medicine degree in Pediatrics from Charles University and completed an Anesthesia Categorical Residency at the University of California, San Francisco. He obtained an MBA from Auburn University's Harbert College of Business and joined the HealthTrust Physician Advisor Network in 2023.

Janet Zarndt, PharmD, MBA, is the Vice President of Pharmacy Services for HCA's Mountain Division, covering 11 facilities in Utah, Idaho and Alaska. She began her career as a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist at Saint Luke's Hospital in Kansas City and spent 10 years with Del Sol Medical Center in El Paso—first as the Pharmacy Clinical Coordinator and then as the Director of Pharmacy. Zarndt received a B.S. in Kinesiology from Kansas State University and a Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Kansas. She completed a Pharmacy Residency at the University of Nebraska and also earned an MBA from Western Governor's University.



TUESDAY, Aug. 19 | 1:45 – 2:45PM

Category: Pharmacy Operations

On the CuSP of Greatness: Using a Central Pharmacy Production Center to Provide Multisite Support

NOT OPEN TO SUPPLIERS

CE Credit proposed: Pharmacy, Healthcare Executive

Other Target Audiences who may be interested (no CE): Ambulatory Surgery Center

Course level: Intermediate

Medication cost, availability and safety are an ongoing challenge for pharmacy leadership and staff. This is especially true for medications that require sterile compounding or repackaging. By creating a Central Pharmacy Production Center (CPPC), organizations can ensure a safe, stable and cost-effective way to provide compounded sterile products and other medications to their patients. Discover how one health system launched a CPPC more than a decade ago to support its five hospital campuses. In this session, attendees will ride along for the journey, hear about service expansions up to the present day, and take

home a roadmap that can be followed by other multisite healthcare organizations looking to embark on a similar path.

Learning Objectives | *At the end of this session, participants should be able to:*

- Identify the basic requirements to establish and maintain a Central Pharmacy Production Center (CPPC).
- Recall the current CPPC services of one IDN, including both initial offerings and recently expanded services.
- Recognize key performance metrics to determine the return on investment after launching a CPPC.

Biographies

Aaron M. Ginsberg, PharmD, is the Director of Centralized Pharmacy Services for Scripps Health in San Diego, California. Over the last 22 years, his roles at Scripps have included Clinical Pharmacist at La Jolla Hospital; Medication Safety Officer for Mercy Chula Vista Hospital; Manager of Pharmacy Operations at Green Hospital; and Manager of Central Prior Authorization for Scripps Medical Foundation—all of which elevated his passion for healthcare. Ginsberg completed his doctoral degree at the University of Southern California and his undergraduate bachelor's in Biology at the University of California, San Diego.

Olivia Ronan, PharmD, BCSCP, is a board-certified Pharmacist in Sterile Compounding. She serves as Operations Manager of the Central Pharmacy Production Center for Scripps Health, where she oversees a team of 12 who compound an average of 45,000 sterile products per month for the organization's five acute care hospitals. Ronan received a Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Arizona.





Breakout Sessions for CE-based Education

WEDNESDAY, Aug. 20, 2025

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WEDNESDAY, Aug. 20 | 7:15 – 8:15AM

Category: Supply Chain Management

Custom Procedure Trays—The Service Line Approach to Standardization

NOT OPEN TO SUPPLIERS

CE Credit proposed: Supply Chain, Healthcare Executive

Other Target Audiences who may be interested (no CE): Ambulatory Surgery Center

Course level: Intermediate

Custom Procedure Trays (CPT) are an important tool used to simplify the set-up of the sterile field. Without guidelines and oversight, CPT design can lead to waste which can impact supply expense and environmental sustainability efforts. There are multiple advantages to creating a CPT oversight process in order to standardize contents, reduce waste, promote safe practice and ensure staff and physician satisfaction. Join these Clinical Supply Chain SMEs as they share their successes and ongoing efforts to standardize Custom Procedure Trays.

Learning Objectives | *At the end of this session, participants should be able to:*

- Identify the advantages of Custom Procedure Trays (CPT) standardization.
- Recall the steps to review and operationalize CPT standardization.
- Recognize potential roadblocks and strategies to mitigate challenges for a CPT standardization project.

Biographies

Blake McAbee, MBA, BSN, RN, is the Senior Director of Clinical Resource Analysis for HCA Healthcare where he leads the development of strategies to manage supply expenses for surgery, including the oversight of high impact physician preference items. His previous clinical roles include OR nurse at Erlanger, a level 1 trauma center, and Parkridge Medical Center. Prior to joining HealthTrust, McAbee spent 10 years with Ascension as the OR Manager for Saint Thomas Midtown and then as a Senior Critical Product Manager for The Resource Group. He holds an RN/BSN from UT Chattanooga and an MBA from Western Governors University.

Caitlin Martin, MSN, RNC-NIC, is a Clinical Resource Director and Women's and Neonatal service line specialist for the HCA Central & West Texas Division, where she supports supply mitigation strategies, new product and clinical value analysis process and implementation of supply initiatives in the greater Austin and El Paso areas. Prior to joining supply chain in 2020, Martin held RN leadership roles for over 10 years. She has a BS in Biological Sciences from NC State University and an MS in Nursing with a concentration in maternal-child nursing and administration from the University of Texas at Austin.

Jann Maze, BSN, RN, is a Director, Clinical Resource Analysis for HCA Healthcare where she supports the Surgical Service line for HealthTrust Supply Chain and manages the surgical commodities, reprocessing and custom procedure tray initiatives within HCA. Maze has more than 15 years of clinical experience in the Operating Room and was previously a Clinical Resource Director for the Capital Division. She has also supported Henrico Doctors' Hospital in Richmond, Virginia, where she led strategies for reducing supply expense. Maze obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing from Radford University.



WEDNESDAY, Aug. 20 | 7:15 – 8:15AM

Category: Supply Chain Management

The Pulse of Efficiency: Kanban for Supply Chain Success

NOT OPEN TO SUPPLIERS

CE Credit proposed: Nursing, Supply Chain, Healthcare Executive

Other Target Audiences who may be interested (no CE): Ambulatory Surgery Center

Course level: Intermediate

In today's healthcare environment, organizations are under relentless pressure to do more with less—tighter budgets, shrinking margins and growing demands on productivity. What if you could unlock hidden capacity, streamline operations and reduce supply chain disruptions, all without expanding your footprint? This presentation reveals how high-density Kanban systems and innovative workflow strategies are revolutionizing inventory management in healthcare. From maximizing storage space to creating nurse-friendly, intuitive processes, these solutions empower teams to eliminate inefficiencies and thrive in a challenging environment.

Learning Objectives | *At the end of this session, participants should be able to:*

- Recognize inefficiencies in current inventory processes and innovative tools and techniques to improve stock rotation, accessibility and supply chain resilience.
- Recall methods to improve clinical relationships and staff satisfaction through intuitive and accessible inventory management solutions.
- Identify best practices to create and standardize visual communication tools that enhance team collaboration, reduce disruptions and adapt to evolving operational demands.

Biographies

Issam Abouzahr, MBA, joined HealthTrust as the Supply Chain Director with the HCA Continental Division and now serves our membership as an AVP on the Special Ops team. He specializes in facility operations, support services and procurement. Previous business development roles include supporting international healthcare providers in the United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom and Latin America—all contributing to his global perspective. Abouzahr is most passionate about project-based work to enhance and improve site-level operations. He earned an MBA in Healthcare Administration and a Masters in Information Systems from the University of Colorado, Denver.

Matthew Berg, BS, MBA, is the Assistant Director of Supply Chain Operations at USA Health, where he leads a team of operations managers to optimize the storage, distribution and inventory accuracy of medical/surgical supplies and equipment. Before joining USA Health, he served in the United States Army as an Automated Logistical Specialist, where he achieved the rank of Sergeant. As a Non-Commissioned Officer, Berg accomplished measurable results leading teams in dynamic, fast-paced environments. Berg earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration with a concentration in supply chain management and a Master of Business Administration degree, specializing in healthcare leadership.

Abbi Elzinga is the Director of Shared Services Transformation on the Special Operations team at HealthTrust Performance Group. She collaborates with industry leaders to enhance efficiency, align cultures and drive cost-saving strategies. Elzinga was previously a Supply Chain Director for four HCA facilities in the Denver market, leading multi-campus operations and pioneering best practices in inventory management, compliance and budget optimization. She also held roles at Vizient and Centura Health, building a strong foundation in purchased services, large-scale enterprise initiatives and analytics. Elzinga earned a Bachelor's in Management and International Business from the University of Colorado Denver, where she also founded the Women in Business student organization.

Sandra Reichle, CST, is the Director of Clinical Supply Chain at UCI Health, where she has worked for seven years. With over 40 years of experience in surgery and supply chain, she has led the transition from manual to automated systems in healthcare supply chain operations. Reichle oversees operations across seven campuses, focusing on peri-operative processes like bill only, charge processing, PO creation and Value Management. She has driven automation for inventory management, loaner tray tracking and the integration of ERP/EMR systems. Reichle earned her BA from San Diego State University and her CST from El Centro College.



WEDNESDAY, Aug. 20 | 7:15 – 8:15AM

Category: Pharmacy Operations

Sterile Compounding & IV Room Inspections in 2025—Are you ready?

OPEN TO SUPPLIERS

CE Credit proposed: Pharmacy

Course level: Intermediate

USP <797> Pharmaceutical Compounding—Sterile Preparations was officially enacted in November of 2023 and various state Boards of Pharmacy have enforced compliance at different times. Discover changes to USP <797>, especially what state boards and The Joint Commission are likely to focus on during their inspections, encompassing both policy and practice. The changes will cover new sampling, training requirements, immediate use compounding and how it affects nurses and physicians. The presenter will address common questions beyond the scope of USP <797>, including IV room remodeling, project management and how to build a partnership with plant operations for the most efficient remodeling and backup plans during remodeling downtime. Case studies will be shared to empower attendees with knowledge that can be applied toward their own successful inspections with regulatory bodies.

Learning Objectives | *At the end of this session, participants should be able to:*

- Identify potential gaps in pharmaceutical compounding for sterile preparations policy and practice based on USP<797>.
- Recall strategies for successful survey compliance and inspection that align with USP<797>.
- Recognize evidence-based methodologies for interdisciplinary collaboration related to USP <797> compliance in preparation for surveys and state board inspections.

Biography

Bickkie Solomon, PharmD, MBA-HM, BCSCP, CPEL, CPH, LSSGB, brings more than 13 years of broad experience in inpatient, outpatient, mail order, home infusion, correctional health, consulting, academia and pharmacy/DME operations. Her expertise includes profit margin improvements, USP Chapters <795, 797, 800>, regulatory compliance, process and workflow improvements, change management, leading cross functional teams and projects, medication safety and new services expansions. Solomon earned a Bachelors in Engineering, a Doctor of Pharmacy and an MBA in Healthcare Management. She is also an Assistant Professor at West Coast University; a certified pharmacy executive leader; a board-certified sterile compounding pharmacist; and she holds a Lean Six Sigma Green Belt.



WEDNESDAY, Aug. 20 | 7:15 – 8:15AM

Category: Pharmacy Clinical

Betting on Better Outcomes: The Two-bag Method for Diabetic Ketoacidosis in Critical Care

NOT OPEN TO SUPPLIERS

CE Credit proposed: Pharmacy, Nursing

Other Target Audiences who may be interested (no CE): Physicians

Course level: Intermediate

Currently, adult Diabetic Ketoacidosis (DKA) treatment in critical care often relies too heavily on insulin adjustments, which should not be the primary focus. The two-bag method—proven effective in pediatric care and supported by studies for adults—offers a more streamlined and consistent approach. Discover how this innovative method can transform DKA treatment in critical care by prioritizing fluid resuscitation over insulin adjustments, leading to more consistent and effective patient outcomes. Join us to explore the benefits, including reduced hypoglycemia incidence, and learn steps for implementing this protocol in your practice. Don't miss this opportunity to enhance your DKA management skills and improve patient care.

Learning Objectives | *At the end of this session, participants should be able to:*

- Recognize the pathophysiology and critical need for timely intervention in Diabetic Ketoacidosis (DKA).
- Recall the two-bag approach for fluid management in adult DKA.
- Identify strategies for implementing the two-bag method for fluid management in adult DKA.

Biographies

Kathy Glem, PharmD, BCCCP, is the Director of Clinical Pharmacy for St. Luke's Health System in Idaho's Treasure Valley. A practicing pharmacist for over 10 years, she develops and leads clinical services for three major hospitals and one post-acute care facility. Glem is Board Certified in Critical Care and has extensive experience as an Emergency Medicine Pharmacist, including work at a Level II Pediatric Trauma Center and a Level II Adult Trauma Center. She graduated from the University of Washington School of Pharmacy and completed a PGY-1 residency at MultiCare Good Samaritan Hospital in Puyallup, Washington.

Mikaela Elwell, PharmD, BCPS, is the Clinical Pharmacy Team Lead for St. Luke's Health System – Meridian Medical Center, in Treasure Valley, Idaho. Her role includes both direct patient care as well clinical project development with a focus on innovating and elevating pharmacist roles within the health system. Elwell received an undergraduate degree from Gonzaga University in Spokane, Washington, and she earned a Doctor of Pharmacy at the University of Colorado.



WEDNESDAY, Aug. 20 | 7:15 – 8:15AM

Category: Pharmacy Operations

340B – 2025 Legal Landscape

NOT OPEN TO SUPPLIERS

CE Credit proposed: Pharmacy, Healthcare Executive

Other Target Audiences who may be interested (no CE): Ambulatory Surgery Center

Course level: Intermediate

The 340B Program is one of the most consequential and dynamic federal programs affecting the healthcare industry. In recent years, 340B Program stakeholders have taken unprecedented actions in the 340B Program with impacts on covered entity savings, contract pharmacy services, manufacturer discounts, HRSA auditing activities, and federal court precedent.

Join this session as a 340B leader from the legal industry reviews the current landscape. Discover in-depth updates on recent events, including drug manufacturer policies and responses from industry stakeholders, program barriers and how to accelerate program growth. Audience participation is encouraged to provide take-home strategies for implementation.

Learning Objectives | *At the end of this session, participants should be able to:*

- Recall the 340B Program's unique structure and significant developments in the 340B legal landscape over the prior year.
- Recognize program growth opportunities and 340B best practices.
- Identify audit and operational risks of 340B expansion strategies.

Biography

Steven Schnelle, J.D., is a partner with McDermott, Will & Emery in New York where he provides strategic legal solutions and insight to investors and business operators in the healthcare and life sciences industries to navigate complex legal structures and regulatory issues. He assists with third-party payor revenue optimization, reimbursement, coding and billing strategies. Schnelle provides advice on federal healthcare program audits, investigations and appeals, and leads compliance program structuring and drug pricing issues relating to the 340B program. He earned a bachelor's degree at New York University and a Juris Doctor at Georgetown University Law Center.



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WEDNESDAY, Aug. 20 | 10:00 – 11:00AM

Category: Supply Chain Management

Burning the Boats on not Standardizing: Implementing a Consolidated Service Center

NOT OPEN TO SUPPLIERS

CE Credit proposed: Supply Chain, Pharmacy

Other Target Audiences who may be interested (no CE): Physicians

Course level: Basic

Join us to learn how one member IDN recently opened a \$71M, 333K square/foot, heavily automated, state-of-the-art Supply Chain and Pharmacy Consolidated Service Center (CSC) with services that include supply distribution, pharmacy redistribution, home infusion, 503A compounding and repackaging. Discover the processes in development to implement mail order, specialty, central fill and automated dispensing cabinet replenishment for Pharmacy as well as IHT imaging, biomed/scope repair, a print shop, bed repair and more. The presenter will share the organization's business case and lessons learned, including why supply and drug standardization has broad applicability to other strategic initiatives.

Learning Objectives | *At the end of this session, participants should be able to:*

- Recall the criticality of supply chain and drug standardization for resiliency initiatives.
- Recognize benefits of a supply and drug standardization program that engages physicians beyond traditional cost savings.
- Identify strategies for the implementation of large-scale initiatives in healthcare based on the case example.

Biography

John Barnes, MBA, is the Senior Director of System Integration & Planning at St. Luke's Supply Chain, which earned Gartner Top 25 status last year. In his role, he leads the 15-person Technology and Inventory teams and is the business lead for their Consolidated Service Center initiative. Barnes earned a bachelor's degree in English from the University of California (UC), Santa Barbara, and an MBA from UC Davis. Previous experience includes roles with Albertsons and Micron. He has earned certifications as a Six Sigma Black Belt and Project Management Professional and serves on HealthTrust's Technology Advisory Board and as Vice Chair of Health Connect Partners' Education Board.



WEDNESDAY, Aug. 20 | 10:00 – 11:00AM

Category: Other – Accessible Care

Advancing Accessible Care One Community at a Time

OPEN TO SUPPLIERS

CE Credit proposed: Healthcare Executives, Nursing, Pharmacy, Supply Chain

Other Target Audiences who may be interested (no CE): Ambulatory Surgery Center, Physicians

Course level: Basic

The Department of Health and Human Services launched the “Healthy People 2030” campaign in August of 2020, with a developmental objective of promoting healthy development, healthy behaviors and well-being across all life stages. As a country, however, the United States is far from that vision five years into the initiative. Join panelists from three healthcare systems and learn how they have worked to enable accessible care within the communities they serve.

Learning Objectives | *At the end of this session, participants should be able to:*

- Recall key challenges in addressing accessible healthcare.
- Recognize strategies to advance access to care within a community.
- Identify opportunities for application within their own organizations.

Biographies

Moderator

Aigner George, PharmD, CDE, is the Assistant Vice President of Pharmacy Solutions for HealthTrust, where she is dedicated to engaging with client members in consulting and leadership, working with more than 100 healthcare facilities in the provision of advisory services. With 20 years of healthcare experience, she has been involved in various aspects of pharmacy operations, facilitating initiative implementations which include operations, formulary management, safety and quality initiatives, supply expense management, leadership development and transformation. George earned a Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Hampton University.

Panelists

Jeremy Brooks-McKinnon, LMSW, MDiv, is Assistant Vice President, Health Equity with HCA Healthcare. In this role, he contributes to the continued development, execution and oversight of enterprise patient goals, which include health access and spiritual care. Brooks-McKinnon is a Licensed Social Worker and theologian, holding a Master of Social Work from the University of Southern California, a Master of Divinity from Vanderbilt University, and bachelor’s degrees in psychology and social work from Troy University. As a volunteer, he serves on the advisory board of directors for Shower the People to provide access to showers, laundry services and hygiene care for those experiencing homelessness in Nashville.

Jaime Dirksen, BA, AM, serves as the Vice President, Community Health & Well-Being at Trinity Health where she is responsible for advancing policies and programs that promote health equity, investing in communities through benefit compliance, grantmaking and low-interest loans, as well as advancing

social care by collaborating with care teams to expand access to healthcare and addressing patient social needs across the 26-state system. Dirksen joined Trinity 2016, with 20+ years of public health experience leading large-scale planning, program and policy design efforts through public and private partnerships. She earned a Master's degree from the University of Chicago at the School of Social Service Administration.

Darra Edwards, PharmD, MSOL/HCM, BCPS, BCCCP, LSSBB, is the Corporate Pharmacy 340B Program Director at Prime Healthcare System. She is a Healthcare Executive of Health Equity, Clinical Quality and High Reliability who aligns large hospital systems, physicians, senior leadership and community resources to increase access to quality care and promote health equity in complex disenfranchised communities, maximizing the potential of the healthcare system and its high-performing teams by improving day-to-day management of clinical and business operations. Edwards earned bachelor's and master's degrees from Boston University and a Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Mercer University. She obtained a Master of Science degree in Healthcare Management from Brenau University.



WEDNESDAY, Aug. 20 | 10:00 – 11:00AM

Category: Other – Value Analysis

Excel-ling at Value Analysis: Leveraging HealthTrust Data to Perform Financial Supply Chain Analyses

OPEN TO SUPPLIERS

CE Credit proposed: Supply Chain, Healthcare Executive

Course level: Advanced

Following clinical review of contracted products, healthcare value analysis teams are often responsible for performing comprehensive financial analyses to inform the development of supply chain formularies, standardizations and savings opportunities. Healthcare leaders must partner with suppliers to identify relevant overlapping touchpoints and understand cost comparisons to scale savings across their health system. Discover how one organization leverages supplier, internal and Group Purchasing Organization data to perform financial evaluation of product categories for formulary and standardization opportunities using native functionality within Microsoft Excel.

Learning Objectives | *At the end of this session, participants should be able to:*

- Identify key elements for data requirements to inform supply chain formulary and standardization launch packages.
- Recognize the unique roles of suppliers and health systems to evaluate, implement and monitor supply chain standardization activities.
- Recall helpful tools within Excel to leverage formulas and calculations to perform comprehensive financial analyses for supply chain initiatives.

Biographies

Jared Dougherty, DNP, MBA, RN, CENP, CCRN-K, is the Senior Director of Clinical Resource Analysis for HCA Healthcare Supply Chain, where he leads the selection of all supply chain products used in nursing, perinatal, wound care, infection prevention and burn care clinical settings. His clinical areas of expertise are cardiovascular critical care, mechanical circulatory support and outpatient cardiology services. Dougherty's doctoral work focused on the cultivation of resilience in nurse managers and his research areas of interest include quality improvement and patient safety, improvement science and mechanical circulatory support.

Joe Armstrong, BS, is the Manager of Clinical Value Analysis for HCA Healthcare's Supply Chain where he focuses on surgical services, developing analytics that support value analysis as well as identifying supply chain process improvement opportunities. His background is in project management, specializing in data-driven decision sciences, talent development, adult learning theory and educational technology. Armstrong is an MBA candidate at Vanderbilt University ('26). He earned a bachelor's degree from the University of North Texas, and is a Non-Commissioned Officer Warrior Leadership Course graduate from the United States Army.

Julie London, BSN, RN, is a Senior Director of Clinical Resource Management for HealthTrust, where she assists members with the development and growth of comprehensive Value Analysis Programs. She has 20 years of nursing experience, serving acute care facilities as a clinician. London has spent the last 10 years in Clinical Operations, specializing in contract management, compliance and value analysis. Her experience includes leading projects such as hospital systemwide product inventory reduction and standardization, cost savings and formulary initiatives across multiple service lines, and developing an implementation launch process that includes compliance and savings realization tracking. London earned a BSN in Nursing from The University of Tennessee.



WEDNESDAY, Aug. 20 | 10:00 – 11:00AM

Category: Operations, Financial, Performance Improvement

Utilizing Virtual Infrastructure to Address Workforce Challenges & to Reimagine Care Delivery

NOT OPEN TO SUPPLIERS

CE Credit proposed: Healthcare Executive, Nursing

Certificate of Participation: Allied Health

Course level: Advanced

Join us to discover how one member IDN is building a virtual infrastructure. Presenters will share how virtual nursing has been implemented within two of their facilities with tremendous success, reducing administrative time for bedside nurses by 83,000 hours in slightly less than one year. The virtual sitting program is active across the health system and has realized over \$1M dollars in savings, improved job

satisfaction and avoided 50 workplace violence episodes—all while maintaining quality. Presenters will share how virtual nurses not only do admission/discharge, but have also absorbed patient and family education, pre-op checklists, updating care plans and completion of MRI checklists.

Learning Objectives | *At the end of this session, participants should be able to:*

- Identify key stakeholders needed to implement a virtual workplace infrastructure.
- Recognize strategies for implementing a virtual workplace to positively impact staff, patients and financial outcomes.
- Recall potential solutions to decrease administrative burden for clinicians

Biographies

Darius Love, DNP, MHA, RN, CENP, is the Assistant Vice President of Workforce Optimization and Redesign at Orlando Health. He is charged with the responsibility of creating strategy for innovation in nursing and patient care services across the enterprise. Love is a distinguished nursing leader whose career has been marked by an unwavering passion for healthcare and a flair for transformative leadership. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Nursing from the University of North Alabama, a Master's degree in Health Administration from the University of St. Francis, and a Doctorate in Nursing Practice from the University of New Hampshire.

Kim Malinowski, RN, MHI, BSN, is the AVP Regional IT BRM & Corporate Nursing Informatics Leader for Orlando Health. She serves as a trusted advisor to operational and nursing leaders and leads the strategy, development and implementation of clinical information systems and technology as well as the related clinical engineering technology to support nursing in the use of those apps and systems. Previously, Malinowski was Senior Manager for Clinical Applications and she spent nearly 15 years as a bedside nurse, primarily in labor and delivery. She obtained a BSN from Carlow University and a masters in Health Informatics from Purdue University Global.



WEDNESDAY, Aug. 20 | 10:00 – 11:00AM

Category: Pharmacy Leadership

Unmasking Medication Safety Blind Spots

NOT OPEN TO SUPPLIERS

CE Credit proposed: Pharmacy, Nursing

Other Target Audiences who may be interested (no CE): Physicians

Course level: Intermediate

Medication safety practices often prioritize metrics, such as medication reconciliation completion rates or bedside barcode scanning compliance. This metric-driven approach can incentivize data manipulation over true harm reduction, especially with limited FTE resources. The implementation of a multidisciplinary medication safety workgroup fosters a collaborative environment to address practice gaps and at-risk behaviors related to medication use; it is vital for medication safety. Join presenters as

they share key strategies which include medication reconciliation, to accurately compare current and previous medication lists; bedside barcode scanning, to verify the 'right patient, right medication' at the bedside; and fostering a 'just' culture that encourages error reporting, without blame, to improve system safety.

Learning Objectives | *At the end of this session, participants should be able to:*

- Identify medication reconciliation challenges and potential solutions.
- Recognize the value of bedside barcode scanning and real-time audits.
- Recall strategies ensure effective implementation of medication safety initiatives and improve reporting culture.

Biographies

Erin Moody, PharmD, is the Director of Pharmacy at Paris Regional Health where she is the chair of the Drug Diversion committee, the Antimicrobial Stewardship Pharmacy Champion and oversees the day to day operations of the main campus and newly acquired emergency center. Prior to her role as director, she worked in the ICU as a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist at Paris Regional Health. Moody graduated from the University of Houston College of Pharmacy and completed a PGY-1 residency at Memorial Hermann Southwest in Houston, Texas. Her professional interests include internal medicine, emergency medicine and infectious diseases.

Morgan Greutman, PharmD, BCPS, is a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist with Paris Regional Health where she leads performance improvement projects and clinical practice initiatives. Previously, she had more than seven years of service in the U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps, where she focused on medication safety and opioid overdose initiatives. Greutman graduated from Southwestern Oklahoma State University and completed a residency at the Choctaw Nation Health Services Authority.



WEDNESDAY, Aug. 20 | 10:00 – 11:00AM

Category: Pharmacy Clinical

Can you see me? Contrast Agents, Dyes & Radiopharmaceuticals: A Crash Course for Busy Clinicians

NOT OPEN TO SUPPLIERS

CE Credit proposed: Pharmacy, Nursing

Other Target Audiences who may be interested (no CE): Physicians

Course level: Intermediate

Iodinated and gadolinium based agents, dyes (e.g., indocyanine green, methylene blue) and radiopharmaceuticals are all commonly used agents in the inpatient setting. Pharmacists and nurses receive little to no didactic training on any of these agents, despite their classifications as drugs. In addition, some of these agents are exclusively procured by a Pharmacy department that is also

accountable for the supply expense. Join us for this session that will draw on the experience of subject matter experts to provide practical information and strategies on the current use of these agents and a glimpse into the future state of some of these categories (theranostics).

Learning Objectives | *At the end of this session, participants should be able to:*

- Recall the differentiating factors between forms of radiographic- and gadolinium-based contrast agents and the use of dyes in the surgical space.
- Identify the radiographic agents, dyes and radiopharmaceuticals that Pharmacy may be tasked with procuring and managing, as well as accounting for the resulting supply expense.
- Recognize current and potential future use of emerging theranostics in practice.

Biographies

Moderator

Keith Teelucksingh, PharmD, BCPS, BCIDP, is the Senior Director of Clinical Pharmacy Operations Expense Management where he is responsible for supporting HCA Healthcare by guiding clinical pharmacy operations, executing clinical initiatives and supporting clinical and patient care agendas. He joined HealthTrust Supply Chain in 2014 as the Division Infectious Disease Pharmacist for the South Atlantic Division and has worked in the corporate office since 2021. Teelucksingh received a Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Florida and he completed a general residency and an infectious disease specialty residency at the University of California, San Francisco.

Panelists

Kyle Bugg, MBA, RT(R)(ARRT), is the Senior Director of Clinical Resource Analysis for HCA Healthcare, where he supports the Imaging, Cardiac and Vascular service lines. He leads strategic development and implementation of supply expense management, standardization and formulary initiatives for new technology, devices and physician preference items. Prior to his current role, Bugg was the Imaging and Cardiovascular Director at StoneCrest Medical Center in Smyrna, Tennessee, and has been a Radiologic Technologist since 2010. He earned an AAS in Radiological Sciences from Columbia State Community College, a bachelor's in Organizational Behavior from Tennessee Technological University, and an MBA from Utica College.

Bailey Gaudry, BS, CNMT (NMTCB), is a Certified Nuclear Medicine Technologist with HCA Healthcare's TriStar Summit Nuclear Medicine Department. Previously, they were at Vanderbilt Children's Hospital before transitioning to the Vanderbilt University Adult Hospital in 2017. In their time with the Vanderbilt network, they gained status as a peer leader while working in the general nuclear medicine, PET-CT, radiopharmacy and radiotherapy departments. Gaudry was instrumental in the creation of the Nuclear Technologist Radiotherapy role in 2018. They obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Nuclear Medical Technology from Austin Peay State University.

Blake McAbee, MBA, BSN, RN, is the Senior Director of Clinical Resource Analysis for HCA Healthcare where he leads the development of strategies to manage supply expenses for surgery, including the oversight of high impact physician preference items. His previous clinical roles include OR nurse at Erlanger, a level 1 trauma center, and Parkridge Medical Center. Prior to joining HealthTrust, McAbee spent 10 years with Ascension as the OR Manager for Saint Thomas Midtown and then as a Senior

Critical Product Manager for The Resource Group. He holds an RN/BSN from UT Chattanooga and an MBA from Western Governors University.



WEDNESDAY, Aug. 20 | 10:00 – 11:00AM

Category: Pharmacy Operations

The Pharmacologic Clock Is Ticking—Comprehensive Alignment to Timely Formulary Adoption

NOT OPEN TO SUPPLIERS

CE Credit proposed: Pharmacy, Supply Chain

Other Target Audiences who may be interested (no CE): Physicians

Course level: Intermediate

Key components in developing medication formulary recommendations include an evaluation of a medication's clinical efficacy and side effects, patient safety, contracting, and cost effectiveness. Navigating the interdisciplinary matrix to effectively implement a formulary recommendation includes early involvement of procurement teams, information technology and pharmacy systems teams, interdisciplinary operations, regulatory and billing teams, and clinicians. Presenters will share how understanding the responsibilities and requirements of each of these teams allows for the development of effective timelines for implementation of medication formulary recommendations.

Learning Objectives | *At the end of this session, participants should be able to:*

- Identify key collaborative teams and decision-makers to drive momentum in implementing pharmacy initiatives.
- Recall key operational steps that can stall pharmacy initiatives if left incomplete.
- Recognize key communication strategies for delivering a successful pharmacy initiative implementation.

Biographies

Laurie Perkins, PharmD, is the Director, Clinical Pharmacy Operations at HealthTrust where she is focused on formulary management, shortage mitigation and IV pump standardization. She has more than 20 years of experience, previously as a Critical Care Pharmacist and Clinical Pharmacy Manager with HCA and post residency at Ascension St. Thomas as a Clinical Pharmacist in the heart failure and heart and kidney transplant clinics, and as a Critical Care Pharmacist. Perkins obtained a Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Tennessee Health Sciences Center College of Pharmacy and received residency training through Ascension St. Thomas in Nashville, Tennessee.

Erin Graden, PharmD, is the Director of Consolidated Pharmacy Services for HCA Healthcare where she supports COE, pharmacy distribution and supply chain, drug shortages and other initiatives. She previously worked in community pharmacy practice where she served as the Director of Pharmacy for

an independent, rural community healthcare system, responsible for establishing pharmacy services to support critical access, long-term care, assisted living, outpatient clinic, county health, and retail pharmacy settings. Graden is a graduate of the North Dakota State University College of Pharmacy in Fargo, North Dakota.

Athena Markos is the Regional Distribution Center Pharmacy Director of Inventory Control for HCA/HealthTrust Supply Chain for East and West Florida, where she manages the oversight of the pharmacy warehouse inventory and distribution of medications for 50 HCA hospitals within the state of Florida and Georgia. She has more than 30 years of pharmacy experience in both the retail and facility settings. Markos obtained a Bachelor of Science of Pharmacist from the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston, South Carolina.





Continuing Education Credit for CE-based Sessions

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CE Credit Deadline for applicable HTU programs: 09/30/25

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- Nursing (California Board of Nursing)
- Healthcare Executives (ACHE)
- Supply Chain (AHRMM)

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