

AGENDA



HOSPITAL SUPPLY CHAIN

FALL CONFERENCE

CHICAGO

OCTOBER 27-29, 2025

MONDAY OCTOBER 27

8:00am–7:00pm

SUPPLIER REGISTRATION

9:00am–11:00am

PROVIDER BREAKFASTS *(BY INVITATION ONLY)*

11:30am–4:00pm

PROVIDER REGISTRATION

This special Provider Registration is for all Hospital Supply Chain Leaders and GPO Executives. Relax and enjoy a light meal and networking with your peers as you register for the conference. Lunch for Providers will be served between 11:30am and 3:00pm.

11:30am–4:00pm

SUPPLIER SHOWCASE

Select Suppliers will showcase their products, services and technology. Showcases are designed to provide a limited number of supplier attendees with an opportunity to demonstrate their products, services and solutions for the provider executives. To maximize this experience for everyone, all Providers and only Supplier attendees from companies with a showcase exhibit will be permitted into the showcase area. Please contact us to learn how you can participate. Please note that lunch is not provided for Suppliers or Showcase exhibitors. There are several restaurant outlets in the hotel which are available at your convenience.

2:00pm–2:30pm

SUPPLIER ORIENTATION

All Suppliers are welcome to attend this orientation meeting. This informational orientation meeting is an excellent opportunity for first time Supplier attendees to gain a clear understanding of our conference, specifically the **Reverse Expo** and how it works.

4:15pm–5:30pm

PROVIDER ORIENTATION & SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT

All Hospital Supply Chain Leaders and GPO Executives are required to attend this orientation meeting, which will provide important information pertaining to the conference and introduce a few of our sponsors.

5:30pm–6:00pm

WELCOME RECEPTION

6:00pm–7:00pm

HOSPITALITY SUITES HOSTED BY OUR SPONSORS *(PROVIDERS ONLY)*

7:00pm–8:00pm

HOSPITALITY SUITES HOSTED BY OUR SPONSORS *(ALL ATTENDEES)*

HOSPITAL SUPPLY CHAIN



TUESDAY OCTOBER 28

7:00am–6:00pm

REGISTRATION DESK OPEN

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7:00am–8:00am

BREAKFAST (ALL ATTENDEES)

8:00am–9:30am



OPENING REMARKS & KEYNOTE ADDRESS (ALL ATTENDEES)

WHAT IF?

MIKE RAYBURN

Mike Rayburn is a two-time TED Talk Presenter, an innovative entrepreneur and Hall of Fame speaker who uses world-class guitar and comedy to teach change and innovation to corporations world-wide. He has headlined Carnegie Hall, headlined in Las Vegas, and performed more than 5,000 presentations in 20 countries on five continents. Rayburn is a regular on Sirius/XM and morning radio nationwide. He has performed as guitarist with The Beach Boys and John Oates. Rayburn's keynote is called "The What IF? Keynote Experience." You will learn three simple tools for harnessing your unrealized potential, creating and leading change, and becoming a virtuoso performer. You'll hear amazing music including a solo guitar version of Bohemian Rhapsody. Oh, and you laugh a LOT! No one does what Mike Rayburn does.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- *Learn three powerful tools to access their unrealized potential*
- *Create change, rather than manage change*
- *Discover the opportunities they're currently missing*
- *Set and achieve bold, empowering goals*
- *Embrace their uniqueness as their competitive edge*

9:30am–9:45am

COFFEE BREAK

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EDUCATION SESSION

BUILDING A HEALTHCARE SUPPLY CHAIN TECHNOLOGY ROADMAP

JOHN BARNES

John Barnes is the supply chain senior director of system integration and planning at St. Luke's Health System, where he has led a 15-person team for 11 years. He is also the business lead for St. Luke's heavily automated \$71M / 333K sq/ft Supply Chain and Pharmacy Consolidated Service Center which went live this year. Prior to Supply Chain, John held Finance, Information Technology, Six Sigma, Marketing, Merchandising, and Sales roles at five companies outside of healthcare.

John earned an MBA from UC Davis and certifications as a Six Sigma Black Belt and Project Management Professional (PMP). He serves as a member of the Health Connect Partners Education Board and HealthTrust's Technology Strategy Advisory Board.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Recall the current AI landscape in healthcare supply chain based on Gartner research
- Identify the components of building a healthcare supply chain technology roadmap
- Review strategies for getting approval for technology investments and lessons learned from implementing them

11:00am–12:00pm



EDUCATION SESSION

TRANSFORMING SUPPLY CHAIN AT NORTHWESTERN MEDICINE: A JOURNEY OF CLINICAL COLLABORATION AND COST OPTIMIZATION

CO-SPEAKERS: ALISHA BERINGER & MIKE HOPKINS

Alisha Beringer, a Director in Supply Chain Logistics at Northwestern Medicine, is an experienced healthcare professional specializing in data analytics, technology integration, and supply chain management. With a deep understanding of how data can drive operational and clinical improvements, she has been instrumental in helping healthcare organizations, like Northwestern Medicine, implement advanced analytics solutions. Alisha is particularly focused on bridging the gap between supply chain processes and clinical workflows, ensuring that organizations can leverage technology to achieve both cost savings and quality improvements. Her strategic insights have supported the successful implementation of data-driven tools to improve visibility and decision-making across health systems.

Mike Hopkins is the Vice President of Supply Chain Distribution and Logistics for the Northwestern Medicine Health System based out of Chicago, Illinois. Mike has 25 years of healthcare supply chain experience and specializes in logistics and process improvement. Mike joined Northwestern in 2016 and previously worked for Owens and Minor as the Director of Supply Chain performance. He is a nationally recognized leader and speaker in supply chain operations focusing on using lean tools to facilitate process improvement and standardization. He is also a leader in the use of Kanban and RFID inventory management.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Understand the best practices used by Northwestern Medicine to create a clinically integrated supply chain, including key steps for aligning on vision, planning and execution
- Discuss how Northwestern Medicine built successful collaboration between supply chain and clinical teams by leveraging real-time data and workflow optimizations.
- Review significant results achieved by Northwestern Medicine as a result of their Supply Chain transformation Journey
- Explore the role of technology in supply chain transformation, including how tools enabled real-time data sharing, reduced manual processes, and improved clinical documentation

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TUESDAY OCTOBER 28

11:45am–1:00pm

LUNCH

12:15pm–1:15pm

LUNCH 'N' LEARNS (BY ASSIGNMENT)

1:30pm–3:30pm

reverseexpo **SESSION 1**

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4:00pm–5:00pm



EDUCATIONAL SESSION

A WINDOW INTO WASHINGTON WITH A FOCUS ON HEALTHCARE

KEN PEREZ

Ken Perez is the former President of ScriptPro, a leading provider of operational, financial, and clinical solutions for pharmacies. Previously, he served as Vice President of Healthcare Policy and Government Affairs for Omnicell, a leading provider of medication management solutions. Ken is a member of the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists Foundation board, and he has served as an "Eye on Washington" columnist for hfm, the peer-reviewed journal of the Healthcare Financial Management Association, since 2011. Ken has contributed over 200 articles, columns and commentaries to a wide range of publications, and two dozen of his columns are indexed by PubMed, a service of the National Library of Medicine and the National Institutes of Health. Ken has a MBA degree with concentrations in finance and accounting from UCLA Anderson and a BA degree in international relations with a concentration in economics from Stanford University.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Understand the impact of recently implemented tariffs on hospitals and health systems
- Analyze changes to Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement and eligibility
- Assess the status of the Make America Healthy Again agenda regarding medical research and HHS staffing, vaccine policy, and food system reform

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DINNER & ENTERTAINMENT | TUESDAY OCT. 28 | 6:00PM–9:00PM

JOE'S
Live

Joe's Live is a mega music venue and barbecue restaurant all under one roof. The venue hosts weekly lineups of music's biggest names, up-and-comers, local talent, DJs and more. We will be joined by one of their favorite local bands: Hello Weekend, a nonstop hit after hit premier Chicago band. From GaGa to Guns & Roses, Bruno Mars to the Beach Boys, they're like your favorite jukebox come to life. Come prepared for an evening full of wonderful BBQ & Southern comfort food, open bars, and dancing 'till late. Connected to Joe's Live is Bub City, for a quiet conversation or if your feet get too tired from the dance floor.

Shuttles will run continuously between the Hyatt Regency and Joe's Live from 5:45pm–9:30pm.

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WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 29

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EDUCATIONAL SESSION

BREAKING DOWN SILOS: STRENGTHENING COLLABORATION BETWEEN SUPPLY CHAIN AND IMAGING TO DRIVE OPERATIONAL EXCELLENCE

CO- SPEAKER: LISA (THAKUR) RISSER, CPA, MBA, FACHE, FHFMA



Lisa (Thakur) Risser is the Founder and Principal of Jevan Consulting, a healthcare advisory firm focused on driving operational excellence and financial performance across hospitals and health systems. With more than 30 years of executive leadership experience, Lisa has served as a hospital CFO, COO, and Senior Vice President overseeing key ancillary departments including supply chain, imaging, pharmacy, surgical services, and laboratory operations.

Lisa is known for leading transformational initiatives that reduce costs, improve efficiency, and enhance clinical alignment. She brings deep expertise in supply chain strategy, revenue cycle optimization, and cross-functional collaboration. Her leadership has been nationally recognized—most recently as one of the Leaders of Influence in Healthcare by the San Diego Business Journal (2025), and previously as one of the Top 10 People to Watch by the Journal of Healthcare Contracting (2018). Under her leadership, her organization earned Gartner's Top 25 Healthcare Supply Chain Departments recognition for five consecutive years (2019-2023).

Lisa holds an MBA and is a licensed CPA. She is also a Fellow of both the American College of Healthcare Executives (FACHE) and the Healthcare Financial Management Association (FHFMA). Through Jevan Consulting, she partners with healthcare providers and innovative companies to deliver measurable, high-ROI solutions that improve operational outcomes and financial sustainability.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Explore common operational challenges that arise between supply chain and imaging departments—and how to overcome them
- Discover real-world strategies for aligning purchasing decisions, capital planning, and vendor partnerships
- Learn how collaborative planning can improve throughput, reduce waste, and drive value in imaging services
- Understand the importance of shared metrics, joint problem-solving, and early engagement in achieving long-term success

10:00am–12:00pm



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