A High Reliability Approach to Transformation
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Presentation Overview

- Introduction and Market Trends
- High Reliability Organization Approach
- Clinically Integrated Supply Chain Management
- Why Does It Matter?
Learning Objectives and Takeaways

- The value of involving supply chain in organizational strategy and transformation
- Strategies for achieving an organization-wide commitment to margin improvement
- Taking a high reliability approach to supply chain transformation is what drives success
INTRODUCTION AND MARKET TRENDS
Market Trends

- **Fiscal Pressure: revenue and cost structure under significant pressure**
  - Accelerating cost growth
  - Significant government cuts; reductions in payment rates
  - Volumes are increasingly vulnerable as patients with high-deductible health plans forego care
  - Case and payer mix worsening

- **Provider consolidation and regional plays**

- **Payer/provider integration**

- **Increasing healthcare consumerism**

- **Technological innovations**
### Elements of an Attractive Network

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“Systemness”

Operational Advantage
- Centralized business functions
- Supply chain efficiencies
- Scalable process efficiencies

Product Advantage
- Clinical standardization
- Solution-oriented product portfolio

Structural Advantage
- Footprint rationalization
- Optimal capital allocation

Transformational Advantage
- Transition to population health identity

Degree of Market Advantage

Typical Scope of Ambition

Necessary Scope of Ambition

Degree of Systemness
In the Headlines…

Survey: 25% of hospital staff witness expired or recalled product used on a patient

How Poor Inventory Management Affects Profitability

Better Inventory Management Systems Can Reduce Operating Room Costs, Study Finds

Survey Confirms the Obvious—Better Performing SCM = Better, Safer Patient Care
Efforts in Past Decades

Reducing Medical Errors and Improving Patient Safety

* TQM, BPR, Kaizen, Six Sigma, TPS, Lean…

Share Key Concepts

- Customer satisfaction
- Process control, reduction in variation
- Waste reduction
- Management commitment
- Organizational change
High Reliability Organization (HRO)

- **Preoccupation with failure**  
  An obsession with never failing (e.g., stocking out, expired product, stocking issues, etc.); always alert to the smallest signals that a new threat may be developing.

- **Resist the temptation to oversimplify**  
  Threats to safety can be complex and present themselves in many different forms; ability to identify subtle differences – early (able to easily fix) vs. late recognition (problem is already out of control).

- **Sensitivity to operations**  
  Recognize that earliest indicators of threats typically appear in small changes in operations; result: they take great pains to ensure that all frontline staff always report any deviation from expected performance – make sure everyone feels free to speak up/feels the obligation to do so.

- **Commitment to resilience**  
  Recognize that despite best efforts and past success, errors will occur: an organization’s ability to recognize errors quickly and contain them; preventing harm and bigger problems.

- **Regard for expertise**  
  When confronted by a new threat, mechanisms are in place to identify individuals with the greatest expertise relevant to managing the new situation and give decision-making authority to that person or group; not organizational hierarchy.
The New Role of Supply Chain

- Shift from transactional to strategic function
- C-suite-level presence
- Clinically integrated
- Population health
- Value-based contracting

- Plays a critical role in:
  - Driving margin
  - Building a sustainable financial model
    - Deliver higher value with less
    - Holistic approach to expense management
    - Revenue generation
    - Competitive advantage
HIGH RELIABILITY ORGANIZATION APPROACH
DATA MANAGEMENT
- Item master duplicates (number)
- Average missing fields per item (%)
- PO items managed by item master (%)

INVENTORY MANAGEMENT
- Storeroom average days on hand (number)
  - Storeroom inventory value + annual distribution spend
- OR average days on hand (number)
  - OR inventory value ± annual OR spend
- Annual stock-outs (number)
- OR inventory value ($) 
  - OR inventory value + number of rooms

DISTRIBUTION
- Ad hoc deliveries (number)
  - Ad hoc deliveries to nursing floors or other areas

RECEIVING
- Electronic receiving (%) 
  - Electronic receipts + total receipts
- Invoice not received (%) 
- Advance shipment notices (%) 
  - Advance shipment notices + total shipments

VALUE ANALYSIS
- Annual savings ($) based on value analysis initiatives
- Value analysis initiative volume (%) 
  - Value analysis initiatives ÷ total procurement initiatives

CONTRACTING/SOURCING
- On-contract PO spend (%) 
- Supply spend as a percentage of net operating revenue (%) 
  - Supply spend ÷ net operating revenue

REQUISITIONING
- Preferred item requisitions (%) 
- Requisition to PO (time)
- Electronic requisitions (%) 
  - Percent electronic + total requisitions
- Item master requisitions (%) 
  - Percent of requisition line items with item master number

PURCHASING/ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
- Exceptions (%) 
  - Number of discrepant PO lines ÷ total PO lines
- Cost to issue a PO (%) 
- Annual supply chain department operating expense ÷ number of POs
- Automatic POs (%) 
  - POs that automatically skip the buyer’s desk
- POs through the EDI (%) 
  - Total EDI POs ÷ total POs
- PO lines per full-time employee (number)
Best-In-Class Supply Chain: Elements of the HRO Supply Chain

Analytics is the business
- Technology-driven
- Business intelligence is the foundation
- Demand-driven through predictive analytics

Customer service-focused
- Centralized service center
- Defined operational workflow
- Automation

Highly reliable, agile, innovative, and strategic
- Operational integration
  - Clinically integrated supply chain model
The Evolution of Analytics and Business Intelligence in Supply Chain
Technology: Advanced Logistics
Nexera’s Approach to Transformation

People / Process / Technology

Data analyses, observations, interviews, and process mapping across key functional areas support understanding current processes and improvement opportunities as compared to leading practices.

- **Review Data**
  (Org charts, maturity model, contract coverage matrix, operating stats, etc.)

- **Interview Stakeholders & Tour Facilities**
  Gemba walks

- **Observe Processes**
  Compare current processes to Best Practices

- **Map Current State**
  Map current processes and identify breakpoints

- **Validate & Develop Plan**
  Enhance quality and service to meet goals
Transformation Pathway

- Analytics/business intelligence technology
- Talent (skill-task alignment)
- Process
- Program development

Phase 1

- Clinical supply chain integration
  - Clinical spend management
  - Utilization management
  - Direct physician engagement
  - Physician incentive program
- Strategic supplier management
  - Portfolio management
  - Value-based contracting
- Self-contracting
- Demand planning/predictive analytics
- Revenue generation (infrastructure setup)

Phase 2

- Revenue generation (business development)
Logistics Goals

**Inventory Control**
Manage Variability
- Frees caregivers to focus more on patients
- Reduces supply waste
- Integrates clinical and non-clinical best practices

**Demand Planning**
Zero Stock-Outs
- Uses clinical orders to drive supply requirements
- Facilitates continuous improvement with continuous data collection
- Provides real-time tracking to route people and supplies

**Customer Service**
Mend Broken Links
- Clinically integrated
- Assistance
- Information
- Feedback
- Support
- Roles & responsibilities
- Customer
- Contacts
- Solution
Business Intelligence is Key

- Improves the decision making process
- Makes it easy to access and share information
- Helps you know your business
- Enables real-time analysis with quick navigation
- Reduces the risk of bottlenecks
- Helps identify waste in the system
Clinically Integrated Procurement Decisions

Cost by Surgeon
Clinically Integrated Procurement Decisions

Surgeon Comparison Drill-Down (by Product)
Variability-Driven Logistical Operations

Stock Out/Backorder Forecasting

Zero

Critical
Variability-Driven Logistical Operations

Call Center Item Trends

Call Center Activity (45 Days)

Calls by Facility

Calls by Department

Top Items

- 12 URINALS
- BLUE CHUCK
- BONE MARROW KIT
- NS 100ML
- Inrxy Autoguard Syringes
- 3 LITER NS
- NEONATAL CODE CART
- NS 250ML
- STRAIGHT CATHETER KITS
- ABDOMINAL BINDER
- Bair Hugger Warming Unit Blank
- BATH CLOTH
- Crutches
- DS LR 1L
- SOLUTION DOWNS
- IV SYRINGE 60ML
- LEG BAGS
- NEONATAL CAST - NEED REPLACEMENT
- Nitro Gowns
- Nitu Purple Bags
- Paracentesis Kit
- Pediatric Code Cart
- Pediatric Code Cart - Need Replac.
- Peppermint Oil
- Prevalon Boots
- Prismsafe
- 100CC Bags NS
- 10CC FLUSH
- 3 LITER BAGS NS
- 4 Liter Empty bag for paracentesis
- 60ML SYRINGES
Variability-Driven Logistical Operations

Demand Planning

Team Grouping

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End to End Order Cycle

Priority Grouping

1. From Zero to Zero

1. Buyer - inventory
2. ParEx - NO demand
3. Inv Team - Inv Available || Buyer to follow up - no backorder & receiving
4. Buyer to follow up - no backorder & receiving
5. Inv Team - Express Issue to Department from CD
6. Inv Team - Inv available || sourcing to follow up - backorder
7. ParEx - NO demand || Inv Team - order for CD

2. From Critical to Zero

1. Buyer - Inventory - follow up - Inventory Critical
2. ParEx - NO Demand || Inv Team - Fill from Cd

4. From Critical to Available

1. Inv Team - Inv available || Buyer to follow up - no backorder & receiving
2. Buyer - inventory - Followup - Inventory Critical
3. ParEx - followup - Inventory Critical
4. Sourcing - followup - Inventory Critical
5. Inventory - sourcing - followup - Inventory Critical
6. Buyer - followup - Inventory Critical

5. From Zero to Available

1. Buyer - inventory - No followup - Inventory Filled
2. Inventory - NO followup - Inventory Filled
3. ParEx - NO followup - Inventory Filled
4. Buyer - NO followup - Inventory Filled
5. Inventory - Sourcing - NO followup - Inventory Filled
WHY DOES IT MATTER?
Executive Engagement

- Guides supply chain to help determine strategic priorities and long-term performance goals
  - Supports strategic priorities (balanced scorecard); culture & capabilities, performance excellence, and access
  - Reduce unnecessary costs, improve service performance, drive clinical supply chain integration
  - System value is evolving beyond price; realizing bottom-line efficiency is now more important than ever

- Develops the multiyear standardization strategy
  - Drives standardization and expense management efforts; determines targets, initiatives, and monitors performance; initiative sponsors provide regular committee updates

- Designed to leverage a cross-section of senior executive leadership within the organization; members serve in a holistic capacity, focus on system decision-making regardless of business area
  - Champions the clinical value program (value analysis)
  - Leads cultural change
  - Removes barriers
Critical Success Factors

- Executive alignment
- Successful transformation efforts align accountability with authority
- Supply chain vision and business strategy aligns with organizational priorities
  - Long-term performance roadmap
  - Clear deliverables
  - Visibility
- Redefine the supply chain value proposition (HRO)
- Transactional to value-based
  - Raising expectations
  - Upfront investment (resource allocation)
  - Talent management (engrained HRO and analytics culture)
- Physician alignment
- Communication
Pathway...
Less waste and reduction in cost per case for supplies

Decrease in room turnover time and procedure delays

Increased accuracy in billing for product

Improved data management and reporting capabilities

Increased MD and OR staff satisfaction

Fewer trips out of the room for the circulator chasing supplies, allowing more time to dedicate to patient care
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