Supply Chain Optimization

Together, Johnson & Johnson Medical Devices Companies (JJMDC) and Intermountain Healthcare partner to reduce waste and variation by streamlining JJMDC suture inventory

**Needs Identification**

- Eliminating products that are only used in one facility
- Minimizing amount of low-volume product
- Standardizing product with multiple units of measure
- Removing products with similar attributes without compromising patient outcomes

**JJMDC Capabilities**

- Analyzed over 500 suture products to determine attributes including needle type, shape and size, suture type, length, size, and color
- Identify product usage for every physician at each patient care location
- Provided a change management roadmap for clinical teams to adapt processes for any suture products identified for replacement
- Engaged clinical teams to receive their input and approval to increase the likelihood of the long-term sustainability of the decisions

**Delivering Results**

- 118 sutures eliminated by adopting a higher velocity item as the standard, reducing the risk of expired or obsolete product
- Over $17,000 in direct product cost savings per year
- Increased inventory turns for the remaining sutures in Intermountain’s distribution center by 25%

*The product knowledge and industry experience of the Johnson & Johnson Medical Devices Companies enabled our standardization strategy and generated quick results to reduce variation and improve product availability.*

– Brent Wigington, Director of Continuous Improvement, Intermountain Healthcare

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