

Supply Chain Optimization

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

“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

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**

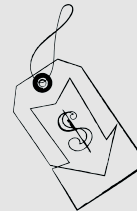
JJMDC Capabilities*

- **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 Results¹



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%**

These are examples only and do not guarantee or predict future results, which will vary depending on individual circumstances.

JJMDC = Johnson & Johnson Medical Devices Companies

*All analyses and reviews focused on processes and performance related to JJMDC products only

1. Data on file. Ethicon US, LLC. "Suture Efficiency Report." 2017.