

2026 Vizient Connections Summit Education

Thursday, Sept. 24

Poster Education Session | Audience: Clients + Suppliers ([view details](#))

7-8 a.m. Interactive

Ready to be inspired? Our engaging poster sessions spotlight innovative improvement projects from healthcare teams across the country. It's a chance to see what's working, celebrate progress and spark new ideas together. These posters dive into today's most pressing challenges and highlight bold, effective approaches that elevate care delivery, drive profitable growth and strengthen organizational culture. Join us for two dedicated interactive sessions (Wednesday and Thursday) and one independent viewing session (Wednesday evening) to explore the posters, ask questions and connect directly with the people behind the work.

Spend Management Forum | Audience: Clients ([link to agenda pending](#))

8-9:30 a.m.

Target Audience: Supply chain executives and leaders, category managers, data management professionals

As healthcare continues to evolve at an unprecedented pace, the role of the group purchasing organization (GPO) is being fundamentally reimagined. This forum brings together industry leaders, innovators, and Vizient experts to explore what the GPO of the future will look like and how we get there. Attendees will gain forward-looking insights and practical perspectives to help their organizations stay ahead of industry change and unlock greater value from their GPO partnership.

Moving beyond traditional contracting, Vizient is reshaping the industry through deep clinical and operational expertise, integrating advanced analytics with artificial intelligence-driven insights to deliver measurable value across the care continuum. We'll examine how smarter supply chain strategies, emerging technologies and data interoperability are transforming decision-making and enabling more resilient, efficient health systems, while offering actionable ideas providers can apply within their own organizations.

We'll share how Vizient investments in advisory capabilities, technology and provider collaboration are redefining what it means to be a GPO — empowering providers with predictive intelligence, automation and new partnership models to reduce variation, improve outcomes and navigate increasing complexity. Join us to better understand what's next and how you can be part of shaping the future.

Regulatory and Accreditation Services Forum | Audience: Clients

8:45-9:30 a.m.

Increasingly complex regulatory and accreditation oversight requires engaged executive leadership to ensure organizational compliance, patient safety and operational resilience. We will explore why C-suite involvement is essential to drive accountability, prioritize resources and sustain a culture of continuous compliance. Hear how one health system implemented standardized structures, clear governance, and enterprise-wide collaboration to improve consistency and reduce risk.

Also included is how to manage survey deficiencies, including prioritization, ownership, communication strategies, corrective action planning and long-term monitoring. Gain insights into aligning leaders, accreditation teams and operational stakeholders to strengthen compliance efforts and improve organizational performance. Attendees will also learn actionable strategies to enhance executive engagement, create more sustainable accreditation processes and implement best practices for responding to regulatory and accreditation findings with greater efficiency and accountability.

Education Sessions | Audience: Clients + Suppliers ([view details](#))

8 a.m.-noon

Real stories. Real lessons. Real results. These interprofessional sessions are shaped by peers to offer improvement strategies you can bring back to your organization to spark meaningful, lasting change. Each presentation showcases forward-thinking approaches to today's most pressing healthcare topics, such as optimizing expense management, improving care quality and maximizing growth. These sessions demonstrate the imagination, innovation and impact of Vizient clients who are leading the way in transforming care.

Enterprise Education Sessions | Audience: Clients + Suppliers *(link to view details pending)*

8 a.m.-noon

Delve into advanced strategies that address critical healthcare topics, including operational efficiencies, financial strategies and improvements in patient care. Join Vizient experts and healthcare industry leaders as they share insights and proven solutions designed to strengthen healthcare systems and strategically position organizations for future success.

Foodservice Education Sessions | Audience: Clients + Suppliers *(link to view details pending)*

8 a.m.-1 p.m.

These sessions unite healthcare leaders and suppliers to explore and discuss effective strategies to optimize clinical nutrition care, manage food procurement costs, and adapt to changing market forces and regulatory requirements that impact food operations.