

Rush University System for Health Builds Resiliency and Drives Financial Value

Success by the numbers

Essential products

(Routine Disposables, Medication Delivery, Contrast Media and Surgical Blades & Scalpels)

\$804,134

Inventory value

237,357 units

Projected reserved inventory

Essential medications

(Pharmacy and ER Syringes)

\$18,798,329

Inventory value

4,112,418 units

Projected reserved inventory

Total value

\$19.6 Million

Protected total essential inventory value



A leading academic health system, Rush University System for Health, took a proactive approach to strengthening operational resilience while simultaneously driving financial value. Faced with ongoing supply chain disruptions and increasing cost pressures, Rush partnered with Vizient to implement a reserve inventory strategy focused on critical pharmacy and medical-surgical categories.

Challenge

Healthcare systems continue to navigate supply instability, particularly across essential medications and high-use medical-surgical products. Rush needed a solution that would:

- Ensure continuity of care during shortages
- Reduce vulnerability to supply chain disruptions
- Optimize inventory without unnecessary excess spend

Solution

Rush implemented a structured reserve inventory strategy across six essential pharmacy and med/surg categories, selected for their clinical importance and usage. This focus helped prioritize critical supplies while maintaining flexibility and control over inventory levels.



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