



# End Drug Shortages Alliance

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## Improve access, improve life

Hospitals and health systems must deal with the impact of drug shortages daily, from disruption or delay in critical patient care to interrupted operations. In fact, Vizient estimates that U.S. hospitals spend \$359 million annually on labor alone to manage those shortages.<sup>1</sup> While some shortages are associated with issues like insufficient access to raw materials, in 2020, more than 57% of these drug shortages were related to unknown causes<sup>2</sup>, representing a significant lack of transparency across supply chain partners.

## Let's end drug shortages together

We are a collaboration of select health system, supply chain, industry and other stakeholders dedicated to solving pharmaceutical supply challenges by increasing transparency. We prioritize initiatives focused on transparency, quality, redundancy and production of additional supply to achieve measured results that improve access to essential medications and improve quality of life for patients that rely on these medications.

## The Alliance in action

**Connect:** Bring together representatives with the common interest to end drug shortages

- Commit to improving supply resiliency
- Ensure fair representation from all types of health care entities
- Practice governance to ensure focus is on the mission

**Collaborate:** Share insights and expertise to solve defined problems

- Define key initiatives to improve transparency, quality and redundancy
- Use shared insights and expertise to identify points of market pressure and inform progress
- Support communication across Alliance members related to shortages and disruption

**Commit to change:** Acknowledge improvements made because of the Alliance work

- Combine knowledge and resources to share results of the Alliance initiatives
- As an Alliance, sponsor programs, research and activity that supports the mission to end drug shortages



### As a founding member...

- Define and support key initiatives
- Lead or participate in initiative work groups and communication required for these initiatives
- Participate in bi-annual Alliance forum to share accomplishments/ identify future needs
- Access to Alliance communications
- Recognition as founding member in Alliance promotional content
- Support from Alliance Operations Team, managed by Vizient



## The end game: Undisrupted access to essential medications

With an improved focus on transparency and access to high quality essential medications, the Alliance will achieve

- The ability to better predict and avert potential supply disruption
- Financial confidence across supply chain partners to support enduring manufacturing capacity
- Alignment of supply chain partners to provide redundancy of medications and dosage forms for patient care

## Working together to enhance patient care

Join us on our mission to end drug shortages. Get started by requesting a participation agreement today.

For more information on the End Drug Shortages Alliance, contact your Vizient representative or learn more at [enddrugshortages.com](https://enddrugshortages.com)

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1 Vizient Drug Shortages and Labor Cost Report, 2019

2 Reasons for Shortages as Determined by UUDIS During Investigation, 2020, University of Utah Drug Information Service, Erin Fox