

The Health Care Supply Chain

Healthcare has been on the center stage of the media for months and will continue to be so for a long time. Each of us has a vital personal stake in the operation of and costs for Healthcare. We want the finest healthcare at the lowest cost. How to make that happen is an ongoing strategic program for the entire healthcare industry. While many of us are involved in operations and supply chain in related to the manufacturing elements of the supply chain, the February 9th professional development meeting will provide us with the opportunity to learn about the similarities and differences between the supply chain for producing products and the supply chain for providing healthcare.



Our guest speaker will be Mr. Tony W. Johnson, Corporate Senior Vice President, Chief Supply Chain Officer, Novant Health. And he will be discussing the health care supply chain – the organization structure, health care supply chain scope, types of planning/forecasting methods used, and methods of distribution.

Please join us for a look into the health care industry from the perspective of supply chain strategy and management.

Tony joined Novant Health, a not-for-profit healthcare system, in October 2003. Prior to joining Novant, Mr. Johnson served as Vice President of General Services for the Grady Health System in Atlanta, Georgia. Mr. Johnson has 32 years of healthcare experience in materials management, facilities, support services and operations. He is a retired army lieutenant colonel.

Tony's accomplishments are many:

- He has held leadership roles in military hospitals, a combat logistics battalion and a global logistics center.
- He deployed to east Africa and served as the Chief Supply Chain Officer for healthcare for the Department of Defense in support of the Rwanda Refugee Crisis in 1994. Supported military and Department of State activities in Rwanda, Uganda, Zaire, Tanzania, and Kenya.
- He was project lead in designing and implementing satellite tracking technologies to track large shipments of medical supplies, real time, by line item across multiple continents (Europe, Asia, & Africa).
- He led the consolidation and integration of all supply chain activities and the implementation of a very successful strategic sourcing organization. Designed the build-out and implementation of a centralized distribution center. Both initiatives support a large integrated delivery network for healthcare with revenues at 4B.

Tony has an undergraduate degree in biology and a master's degree in materials management.

His personal interests include astronomy, Porsches, and music.