

# Financial Empowerment Suite™: Supply Chain

Insights for effective, integrated management of your supply chain processes—and better alignment with your care delivery models

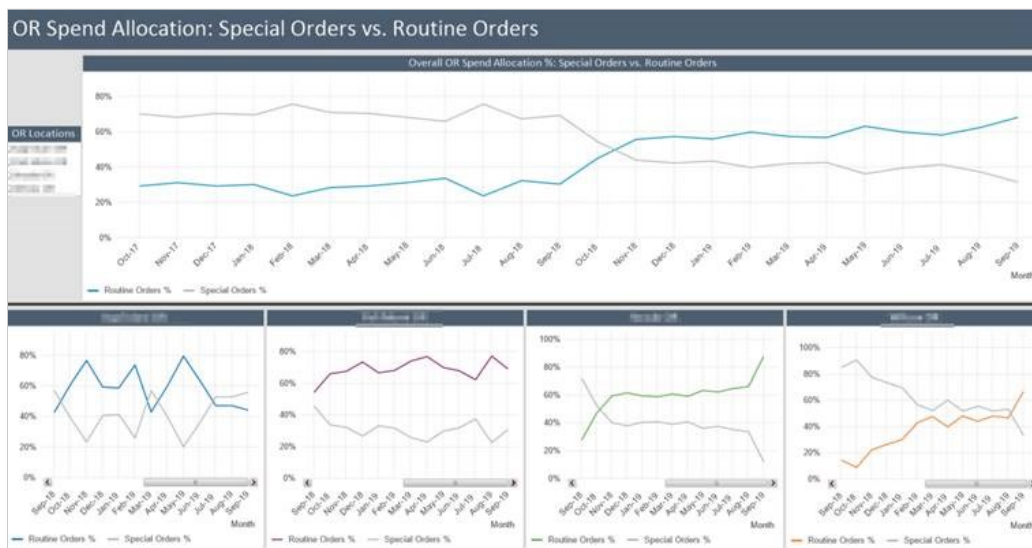


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The **Supply Chain Explorer** analytics accelerator provides data and visualizations to help healthcare organizations analyze and manage their supply chain—helping ensure that caregivers get the right supplies at the right time, in the right place, in a cost-efficient way.



Supply Chain Explorer supports supply chain data health and process efficiency.

## The problem

As operating margins shrink and payers increasingly tie reimbursements to quality and financial performance, trimming costs and minimizing waste are critical mandates for healthcare organizations. One way to fulfill them: smarter management of a typically complex and fragmented healthcare supply chain. This requires balancing the needs of numerous stakeholders, having accurate data on the cost and use of various items, and leveraging data for better management decisions across the supply chain flow.

## Our approach

The Supply Chain Explorer analytic accelerator supports data-informed decisions that can lead to meaningful savings and greater efficiencies. Lending visibility into foundational components of the supply chain—from pricing and procurement to utilization—the application offers analytics that help you understand, optimize, and integrate processes. You're able to identify and target improvements for specific sites and workflows (e.g., the peri-operative space, the procedural departments) and for your organization as a whole.

### Intended Users

- Supply-chain management and procurement staff

### Potential data sources

- EMR - Clinical
- Finance/Costing

### Key measures

- Variation: use of special orders, duplicate charge number associations, vendor-to-item alignment, etc.

### Success stories

For examples of how customers have used Health Catalyst products and services to improve outcomes, see our [success stories at healthcatalyst.com](https://www.healthcatalyst.com/success-stories)

## Benefits and features

- **Explore—and understand—variation.** The application allows you to drill into the data and easily obtain detailed information about usage variability in different areas. You're able to assess whether the variation is intentional and appropriate—and whether it's negatively affecting operational performance.
- **Identify data issues that impede efficiency.** The accelerator can reveal data issues such as duplicate charge numbers for a single supply, redundant item codes, different contracts for the same item, items being special ordered inappropriately, etc. so you resolve them to improve process flow.

## Use cases

**Executives at one large healthcare system** had long been frustrated by siloed, inaccurate supply-chain data from disparate sources, which stymied their efforts to reduce overspending. After implementing DOS and the Supply Chain application, they worked on standardization of preferences and processes and now use the app to monitor and reduce variation. They have gained a deep understanding of their supply chain processes and data—and have reduced significant cost savings by eliminating non-use items, adding preferred standard items, and reducing special orders.

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