GHX EXCELLENCE AWARDS 2026

Nomination Guide

The GHXcellence Awards recognize healthcare provider and supplier organizations, and individuals, who are advancing the healthcare supply chain. Review the awards in this guide and use this as a resource to prepare your answers before submitting.

NOMINATIONS CLOSE **January 29, 2027**

GENERAL RULES

- **ELIGIBILITY:** Current GHX customers
- **WHO CAN SUBMIT A NOMINATION:** Nominations can be submitted by or on behalf of any healthcare provider or supplier organization, or individual, who is a current GHX customer.

HOW TO SUBMIT A GHXCELLENCE AWARD NOMINATION

1	Click the **Nominate** button from the GHXcellence Awards page to be taken to the online nomination form.
2	In the form, enter the nominee/submitter contact information and select the award name.
3	Complete the form by answering the questions presented for that award.
4	Click the **Submit** button.

INFORMATION REQUIRED TO SUBMIT A NOMINATION

- Contact information for the submitter and nominee: full name, title, organization, email and (optional) phone
- Answers to the award-specific questions listed below may be copied/pasted into the form when ready. Answers are limited to 300 words.

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Awards at a Glance

TIPS & GOOD TO KNOW

- Choose the award that fits best for your nomination. The Qualifying Examples show what the Selection Committee is looking for.
- Be specific and quantify the impact wherever you can. Add qualitative detail where numbers are not available.
- You may nominate your own organization, and an organization may be nominated for more than one award.
- Nominations are not limited. Nominate as many times as needed to recognize different accomplishments.
- Questions? Contact **summit@ghx.com**.

ORGANIZATION AWARDS

Collaboration & Partnership
Provider and supplier organizations

Elevating the Clinically Integrated Supply Chain
Provider organizations

Innovation in Healthcare Supply Chain
Provider and supplier organizations

Operational Excellence in Healthcare Supply Chain
Provider and supplier organizations

Advancing Resiliency in Healthcare Supply Chain
Provider and supplier organizations
NEW FOR 2026

Sustainability in Healthcare Supply Chain
Provider and supplier organizations

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

Supply Chain Leadership – Provider
Individuals in provider supply chain leadership roles

Supply Chain Leadership – Supplier
Individuals in supplier supply chain leadership roles

AWARD

Collaboration & Partnership

This award recognizes healthcare provider and supplier organizations that leverage collaborative relationships, partnerships and/or coalitions to support the needs of patients and communities.

QUALIFYING EXAMPLES

- Partnerships with local, state and/or federal government, or local organizations on efforts to address issues and improve population health and/or wellbeing, including civic engagement activities (e.g., volunteering, advocacy).
- Cross-functional teams within a healthcare organization (e.g., supply chain, finance, clinical) that use data/analytics in supply decisions to enhance care quality/safety, eliminate unnecessary costs/waste, and/or improve outcomes (including fewer complications, infections, readmissions, etc.).
- Collaborative relationships between suppliers and providers to optimize the supply chain in support of patient care continuity (e.g., automated processes and digital data sharing for more efficient order processing, accurate demand planning, effective management of backorders/substitutions, etc.).

NOMINATION QUESTIONS

1	Describe why these nominees should be considered for the Collaboration & Partnership Award.
2	Describe how these organizations worked together.
3	Describe what challenges the organizations needed to overcome.
4	What was accomplished?
5	What was the impact (quantitative and/or qualitative)?
6	**OPTIONAL:** Name and title of the “key contributor,” and the individual’s role in supporting the effort.

AWARD

Elevating the Clinically Integrated Supply Chain

This award recognizes provider organizations that have advanced along the supply chain maturity curve to establish clinically integrated supply chains where clinical and supply chain stakeholders collectively leverage data and evidence to redesign care.

QUALIFYING EXAMPLES

- A robust value analysis committee and process with a well-articulated purpose, defined action plan and stated objectives through which cross-functional stakeholders (e.g., clinicians, supply chain, finance, etc.) make informed product decisions in the best interest of their healthcare organization and patients.
- Clinician driven medical/surgical product standardization initiatives guided by supply chain knowledge and data around item utilization, contracting, vendor performance metrics, and other factors that impact patient care quality and costs.
- Standardization of item identification within the ERP and EHR systems using manufacturers' unique device identifiers (UDI) to facilitate efficient and effective product recall management and adverse event reporting, prevent expired or recalled items from being used in patient care, and/or generate evidence for an internal repository and/or external registry.
- Implementation of automated technology to track item level data from point of receipt through point of use (POU) for improved inventory visibility and management across the healthcare organization, including the ability to replenish inventory based on demand signals.

NOMINATION QUESTIONS

1	Describe ways the organization has integrated supply chain processes into clinical programs / the point of care.
2	Describe ways the organization has brought together clinical and supply chain knowledge with the use of data.
3	Describe how the organization's leadership has guided the move to a Clinically Integrated Supply Chain.
4	What was the impact (quantitative and/or qualitative)?
5	**OPTIONAL:** Name and title of the "key contributor," and the individual's role in supporting the effort.

AWARD

Innovation in Healthcare Supply Chain

This award recognizes healthcare provider and supplier organizations that demonstrate unique ways of solving complex problems and exhibit the courage to drive new solutions forward.

QUALIFYING EXAMPLES

- A cloud-based infrastructure where the organization's ERP system integrates seamlessly with solutions for P2P automation and optimization, driving process standardization, digital data sharing, and application of advanced analytics for actionable insights and informed decisions.
- Automation of previously manual complex order type processing (e.g., bill only implant and consignment) and digital integration of these orders into the organization's ERP system for staff resource and time savings, improved contract compliance, and greater spend under management.
- Dedication to supporting the advancement of today's healthcare supply chain professionals alongside recruiting, training and mentoring the next generation of leaders with the goal of positioning their team – and the broader healthcare supply chain field – to lead transformation change and successfully navigate growing complexities and challenges.

NOMINATION QUESTIONS

1	Describe the challenge this organization was attempting to solve.
2	Describe the innovation.
3	What challenges had to be overcome?
4	What was accomplished?
5	What was the impact (quantitative and/or qualitative)?
6	**OPTIONAL:** Name and title of the "key contributor," and the individual's role in supporting the effort.

AWARD

Operational Excellence in Healthcare Supply Chain

This award recognizes healthcare provider and supplier organizations that are improving operational efficiency, cutting costs and/or generating significant savings through supply chain digital transformation.

QUALIFYING EXAMPLES

- End-to-end automation in the procure-to-pay (P2P) process with touchless transactions that enable supply chain teams to work more efficiently, eliminate or minimize non-value-added manual tasks, and reallocate staff resources to strategic activities aimed at cost savings and/or revenue generation.
- P2P process and data integration and optimization where item and contract pricing data are continuously updated and verified through automated PO/invoice matching, resulting in fewer exceptions, lower business costs, faster invoice payments and savings generation.
- Directed buying that has resulted in requisitioners making purchasing decisions aligned with the organization's broader goals (e.g., greater contract compliance, supply/vendor standardization, sustainable/socially responsible sourcing, etc.).

NOMINATION QUESTIONS

1	Describe the operational inefficiencies this organization set out to solve through supply chain digital transformation.
2	Describe what the organization did to improve its operational efficiency, cut costs or generate significant savings.
3	How was it accomplished?
4	What was the impact (quantitative and/or qualitative)?
5	**OPTIONAL:** Name and title of the "key contributor," and the individual's role in supporting the effort.

AWARD

Advancing Resiliency in Healthcare Supply Chain

This award recognizes healthcare provider and supplier organizations that have significantly strengthened supply chain resiliency, improving their ability to anticipate, withstand, and recover from disruption while supporting continuity of care.

QUALIFYING EXAMPLES

- A supplier organization that has taken steps to strengthen supply continuity and support its provider customers during disruption (e.g., diversifying manufacturing and sourcing locations, holding safety stock of critical products, proactively communicating shortages, etc.).
- A provider organization that has implemented ways to reduce supply risk and improve preparedness (e.g., identifying single-source items, diversifying suppliers, establishing a shortage management process, qualifying substitute products, etc.).
- A provider and supplier organization that have worked collaboratively to make their supply chain more resilient by improving visibility, agility, and recovery (e.g., shared inventory and demand visibility, co-developed contingency plans, addressing transportation vulnerabilities, joint disruption response that kept clinicians supplied, etc.).
- An organization that has used technology or data to proactively strengthen supply chain resiliency (e.g., predictive analytics or risk monitoring to anticipate disruption, real-time supply visibility, automated alerts and alternate-product recommendations that reduced the impact of shortages, etc.).

NOMINATION QUESTIONS

1	Describe the supply chain vulnerabilities or disruptions this organization set out to address.
2	Describe what the organization did to strengthen its supply chain resiliency.
3	What challenges had to be overcome?
4	What was the impact on the organization's ability to anticipate, withstand, or recover from disruption while maintaining continuity of care (quantitative and/or qualitative)?
5	**OPTIONAL:** Name and title of the "key contributor," and the individual's role in supporting the effort.

AWARD

Sustainability in Healthcare Supply Chain

This award recognizes healthcare provider and supplier organizations that have significantly advanced environmental practices and sustainability within their supply chains, leading to reduced environmental impact and improved resource efficiency for their organizations.

QUALIFYING EXAMPLES

- A supplier organization that has taken steps to reduce its environmental footprint and support its provider customers in operating more sustainably (e.g., less packaging, use of sustainable materials, reusable versus single use products, recycling program for single use products, etc.).
- A provider organization that has implemented ways to reduce waste in its supply chain and minimize environmental harm (e.g., switching from single use to reusable products, implementing a recycling program, minimizing inhalational anesthetic pollution, directing requisitioners to more sustainable supply sources and products, etc.).
- A provider and supplier organization that have worked collaboratively to make their supply chain more sustainable by implementing practices aimed at reducing waste, emissions, etc. (e.g., found alternative transport options that shorten supply delivery routes for lower emissions, identified and addressed the use of unnecessary packaging for less waste, product/packaging redesign where fewer items/components are discarded to landfills, etc.).

NOMINATION QUESTIONS

1	Describe ways the organization advanced its supply chain to reduce environmental impact and improve resource efficiencies.
2	Which environmental and sustainability practices have made the most significant impact within its supply chain?
3	What was the impact (quantitative and/or qualitative)?
4	**OPTIONAL:** Name and title of the “key contributor,” and the individual’s role in supporting the effort.

AWARD

Supply Chain Leadership

Provider | Supplier

This award recognizes individuals in supply chain leadership roles who are transforming the business of healthcare and supply chain through innovative use of technology and collaboration.

QUALIFYING EXAMPLES

- Demonstrated qualitative and quantitative leadership in the healthcare supply chain (e.g., recognized by team members, peers and/or industry associations as an exceptional leader; proven leadership success evidenced by documented improvements in the organization's supply chain).
- Championed supply chain's role in driving better clinical and financial value (e.g., led collaborative efforts with clinical and/or financial stakeholders to help improve cost, quality and/or outcomes).
- Mentored others in the industry (e.g., supported the professional growth of their team members and/or other individuals in the healthcare supply chain profession, offering guidance, advice and opportunities to gain experience/skills, demonstrate leadership abilities, and establish valuable internal and/or external stakeholder relationships).

NOMINATION QUESTIONS

1	Describe why this nominee should be considered for the Supply Chain Leadership Award.
2	Provide examples of their leadership and mentoring of future supply chain leaders.
3	Describe how the nominee has impacted the business of healthcare in terms of reducing the cost to serve and/or improving patient care.