



President's Letter

Dear WSHMMA Community,

On behalf of the WSHMMA Board, we would like to thank you for an amazing conference! For those of you in attendance, you will receive an online survey. Please take time to complete the survey, as we would love to hear your feedback so we can continue to improve your experience and also to obtain your CEU's. We are interested in hearing your thoughts on the venue, format, speakers, entertainment, professional photographer providing free headshots, and any future ideas you may have. Note the DJ and photographer were new elements this year, and we would especially like to hear your feedback on these new additions.

Bill Robertson, Multicare Health Systems CEO, and Keynote speaker provided his list of essential reading, for those who requested, the list is below:

- Good to Great – Jim Collins
- Stewardship – Peter Block
- Leaders Eat Last – Simon Sinek
- The Speed of Trust – Stephen M.R. Covey
- Orbiting the Giant Hairball – Gordon MacKenzie
- Adapt: Why Success Always Starts with Failure – Tim Harford
- Dare to Lead – Brené Brown

Supply Chain Week October 1-7, 2023

National Health Care Supply Chain Week recognizes the importance of health care supply chain professionals and honors them for their exceptional contributions to patient care and the innovative ways in which they support their health care organizations and communities. Please take time to acknowledge and recognize your team for their outstanding contributions, whether you provide personal handwritten thank you cards, lunch, candy, or however you choose to show your appreciation, I am sure it will be appreciated.

CMRP Review

Invest in your future by earning the Certified Materials & Resource Professional (CMRP) designation. Nationally recognized, CMRP is a leading credential based on sound assessment that provides distinction in a competitive marketplace.



This certification delivers both internal and external rewards. It signifies a commitment to career advancement while representing accomplishment and expertise within the health care supply chain community. This health care certification is designed and administered by the American Hospital Association Certification Center.

We will be having a deep dive into another section of the CMRP later this year, headed up quarterly by Stacy Roberts, *stay tuned*.

WSHMMA/WSHA Partnership

Resharing one more time:

For our *Washington State members*, the local chapter of WSHA (Washington State Hospital Association) is hosting a virtual discussion on Artificial Intelligence. For those of you in WA, feel free to register and participate in Oct 2023 (information below).

Stay Ahead of the Game: The Promise of AI for Supply Chain Management and What You Can Do Now

Everybody is talking about Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning lately, but is the hype real?

Finding supplies and keeping them stocked to be easily accessible can be daunting, but when minutes count, it becomes even more crucial. There are AI and ML tools designed to ease the workload.

Join us for a webinar on Thursday, October 12th, 2023 from 11:00am -12:00pm PST to learn about this growing technology and a practical example of how AI and ML have impacted access to lifesaving equipment and supplies, enabling more patient-facing time.

This program is the first in a series of Hospital Supply Chain webinars where you will hear from hospital supply chain leaders and peers as they share practical tips and tools on creating supply chain efficiencies, cost savings, and innovations.

[REGISTER HERE](#) and please feel free to share this invitation with your hospital networks. Unable to attend? Register anyway and we will send you the slides and webinar recording.



Learning Objectives:

- Understand what Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning are: AI and ML enhance; they do not replace.
- Provide creative insight on what your hospital can do with AI and ML.
- Identify where cost savings can be realized using AI in facilities of any size.
- Learn what your hospital can do today to work toward this technological advancement.
- Identify potential use cases for this technology in the Healthcare Supply Chain.

The Hospital Supply Chain Tips and Tools webinars are provided to WSHA Hospital Members in collaboration with the Western States Healthcare Materials Management Association, a state chapter of AHRMM.

For more information about this and future webinars, please contact dan.zaborowski@commonspirit.org

Last but not least I would like to introduce Geoge Ott, our newest board member. He will be taking over the WSHMMA communications role. George has decades of healthcare supply chain experience with multiple organizations in the Pacific Northwest and is a welcome addition to the board!

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