

The End Drug Shortages Alliance

Dedicated to solving pharmaceutical supply chain challenges through collaboration.

What is the End Drug Shortages Alliance?

The End Drug Shortages Alliance is a non-profit organization made up of a diverse group of stakeholders, including patient advocacy groups, healthcare providers, pharmaceutical manufacturers, and regulators. We collaborate to increase visibility, access, and advocacy by focusing on quality, redundancy, and production.

Our goals include:

- Increasing public awareness of the impact of drug shortages on patients and the healthcare system
- Advocating for policies and regulations that address the root causes of drug shortages
- Facilitating collaboration between stakeholders to improve supply chain resilience and reduce the frequency and impact of drug shortages
- Supporting research and innovation to prevent and mitigate drug shortages

Vision

To end drug shortages through ensuring access to essential medications and improving quality of life for patients who rely on these medications.

Mission

An alliance of health system, supply chain, industry and other stakeholders dedicated to solving pharmaceutical supply challenges by collaborating to increase visibility, access and advocacy. Collectively we will end drug shortages through focus on transparency, quality, redundancy and production of additional supply to achieve measured and sustainable results.

Committees

- Transparency & Redundancy
- Committee Quality Committee
- Supply Readiness Committee
- Pediatric & Special Populations Committee

Recent Resources

EDSA released a [Supply Chain Disruption Report](#) on the temporary closure of Baxter's North Cove facility due to flooding from Hurricane Helene.

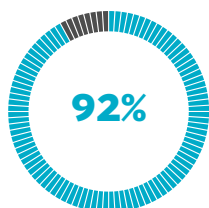
This report by the EDSA Rapid Response Team provides a detailed assessment of the supply disruption, including conservation strategies for clinical providers and recommendations to support affected IV fluid production, enhancing resilience in this critical situation.



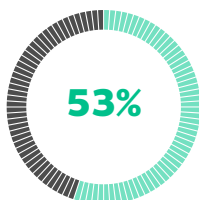
What are drug shortages?

Drug shortages occur when there is a temporary or prolonged supply disruption of a medication. These shortages can affect any medication, from antibiotics to chemotherapy drugs to critical care medications, and can lead to significant harm for patients.

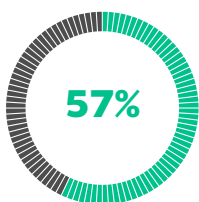
In some cases, drug shortages can result in patients not receiving the medication they need, delaying their treatment or forcing them to switch to alternative, less effective treatments. This can result in adverse health outcomes, increased costs and even death.



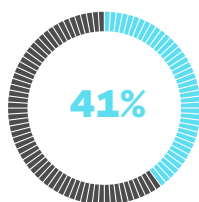
Generic drugs [comprise 92%](#) of all medications taken daily by Americans.



In 2023, [53% of new drug shortages](#) were for generic sterile injectable medicines.



Over [half of discontinued products](#) in 2023 were solid oral medicines priced predominantly under \$4.



More than [one third](#) of all current drug shortages began in 2022 or earlier.



The Hidden Cost of Drug Shortages

The impact of drug shortages to health systems and hospitals doesn't just stop with access to treatment. Significant costs are endured through additional labor needed to manage shortages.

\$359M

Cost of labor needed to manage drug shortages per year

8.6M

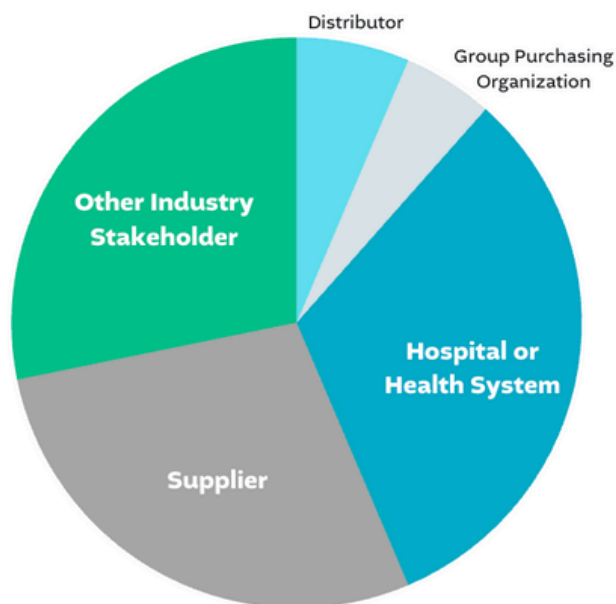
Additional hours of labor per year

Source: Vizient Drug Shortages and Labor Cost Report

5-Year Plan

- Develop shortage communication standards across the industry
- Execute centralization strategy for communication of drug shortages to all industry stakeholders
- Establish and publish guidance on inventory management best practices across all supply chain stakeholders
- Identify standardized approach for each stakeholder to evaluate product quality and sustainability
- Increase research to quantify the clinical and financial benefits of a transparent, high-quality, and sustainable supply chain
- Improve the ability to identify risks and implement counter measures that avert potential supply disruptions

Member Demographics



The current EDSA member organizations are available online via the [Member Directory](#)

Board of Directors

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April Giles, Executive Director

April Giles is the Executive Director of the End Drug Shortages Alliance, where she leads national efforts to address pharmaceutical supply challenges through collaboration, transparency, and strategic policy advocacy. With over 20 years of experience in healthcare and life sciences, April is a recognized leader in innovation, business development, and ecosystem growth.

Prior to her current role, she served as Vice President of Business Development at Fitzsimons Innovation Community, where she led infrastructure development, public-private partnerships, and innovation strategy. She also spent over a decade as President & CEO of the Colorado BioScience Association, where she helped expand the state's bioscience industry and successfully advocated for increased funding and legislative support.

April has a strong background in workforce development, investor relations, and community engagement, having launched programs and partnerships that continue to impact the industry.



Mariam Tesfaye, Program Manager

Mariam is a healthcare professional with a strong background in program management, patient care, and health equity. She serves as Program Manager at the End Drug Shortages Alliance, supporting efforts to resolve critical medication supply issues.

Previously, she led health initiatives and grant compliance as a Program Specialist at UnidosUS. With six years of clinical experience as a Medical Assistant, she brings a patient-focused perspective to her work. She is passionate about improving healthcare systems and driving meaningful, measurable impact.