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The running theme across all six issues for this year will continue to be professional development, next generation leaders and strategic planning for the supply chain professional.

Cost Management
Suggested Topics
- Non-labor spend cost savings opportunities
- Transactional efficiencies with trading partners
- Collective/collaborative provider/supplier initiatives

Benchmarking/Key Performance Indicators
Suggested Topics
- Data Analytics
- Artificial Intelligence
- UDI/Data standards adoption

Demand Planning and Inventory Management
Suggested Topics
- Demand Planning verses Par inventory management
- Just in Time, Just in Case, Just Enough inventory principles
- Multi-directional supply chain transparency and utilization
- Global supply chain aptitude
Emergency/Disaster Preparation
Suggested Topics
• Inventory Reserves
• Stockpile Coalitions
• Innovative programs supporting US manufacturing (commitment agreements, etc.)
• Diversifying your vendor portfolio/partnering with local/community businesses
• Developing a robust clinically acceptable product substitute list

Technology/Data
Suggested Topics
• Artificial Intelligence
• Blockchain
• Cloud-based platforms
• Robotics
• IoT (Internet of Things)

Vendor Management
Suggested Topics
• Managing provider supplier relationships in a post-COVID environment
• How to build a more resilient supply chain
• Creating transparency through collaboration

*Tentative dates, subject to change.*