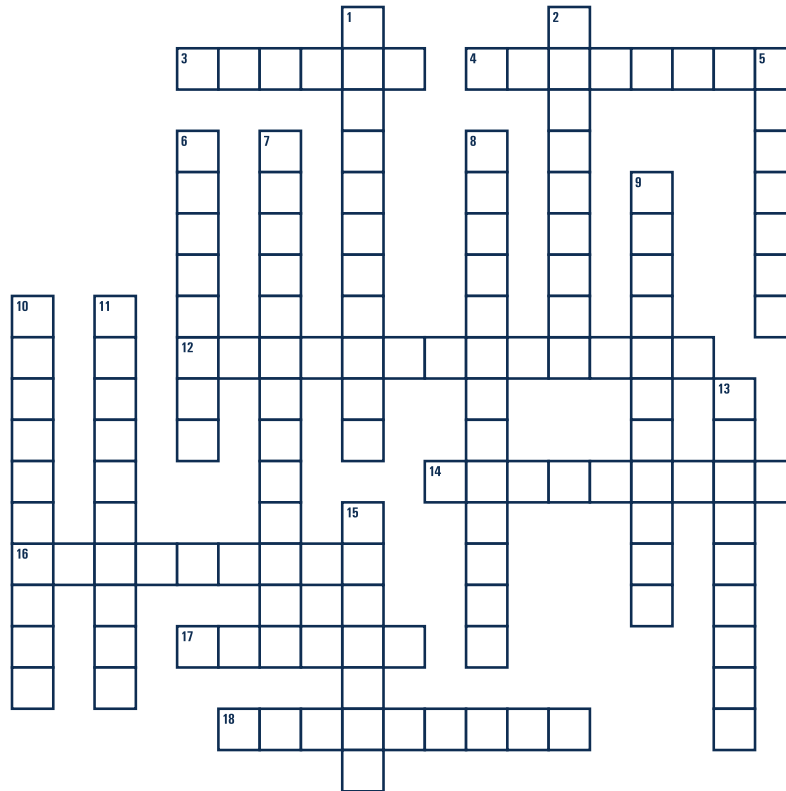


CROSSWORD

Test your health care supply chain know-how. Numbers in parentheses show word lengths for multi-word answers.



ACROSS

- 3** Company that sells products to a hospital; another word for supplier
- 4** When an item's inventory drops to zero
- 12** Team process weighing cost, quality and patient outcomes before adopting a product (5,8)
- 14** Moving and storing goods from origin to point of use
- 16** How long a product stays usable before it expires (5,4)
- 17** Visual signal system, often two bins, that triggers restocking when a bin empties
- 18** Supplies on hand, counted and tracked

DOWN

- 1** Arrangement where the supplier owns stock on hospital shelves until it's used
- 2** Approved list of drugs or products an organization will use
- 5** Import taxes that can push up the cost of products
- 6** Preset quantity of an item a unit aims to keep on hand (3,5)
- 7** Process that kills all microorganisms on reusable surgical instruments
- 8** Document that authorizes a buy from a supplier (8,5)
- 9** Internal request for supplies, sent to purchasing
- 10** Central database of every product a hospital buys (4,6)
- 11** A supply chain's ability to bounce back from disruption
- 13** Order a supplier can't fill yet because the item is out of stock
- 15** Money returned to the buyer after a purchase, often based on volume

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