

Current research agenda for pharmacy leaders

Topic	What we're researching	Why it matters
Specialty pharmacy trends	• What are the current dynamics impacting the specialty pharmacy market? • What key trends do we see in health system-owned specialty pharmacies? • What strategies do health system executives deploy in organizations that see substantial value from their specialty pharmacies?	• Specialty drugs now account for over half of U.S. drug spending. Health system-owned specialty pharmacies can improve patient outcomes and financial margins, but leaders must navigate accreditation, limited distribution, and payer dynamics to succeed.
Infusion market trends	• What are the market forces shaping infusion care? • How are health systems navigating a shifting drug pipeline, payer pressures, and heightening competition?	• Infusion services are a key revenue and care delivery area. Navigating market headwinds and optimizing operations helps pharmacy leaders improve efficiency, reduce costs, and enhance patient access.
Cancer patient travel analysis	• How many cancer patients leave their market to receive cancer care? • What other care do they travel for? How far are they willing to go? • Which patients are most likely to travel?	• To address leakage points, pharmacy leaders need to understand for what services patients are leaving their markets. This claims-based analysis will help pharmacy leaders understand the geographic scale on which they may be able to compete for cancer patients.
Radiopharmaceuticals	• Which health systems should deliver radiopharmaceuticals? • How should health systems approach radiopharmaceuticals delivery? – How should they prepare to launch a radiopharmaceuticals program? – What are best practices for delivering radiopharmaceuticals? – What are the considerations for expanding an existing program?	• Pharmacy leaders must assess the complexities of radiopharmaceutical delivery to decide whether – and how – to invest in this growing aspect of cancer care.