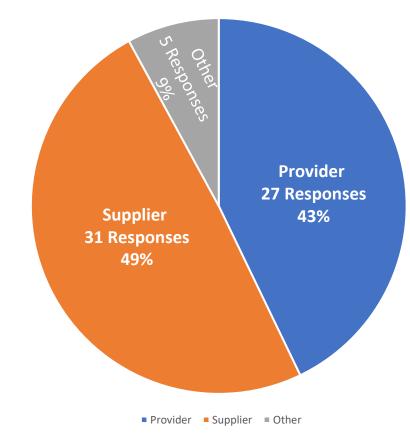


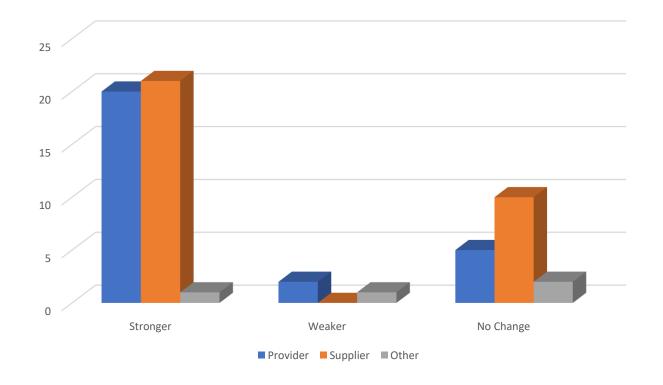
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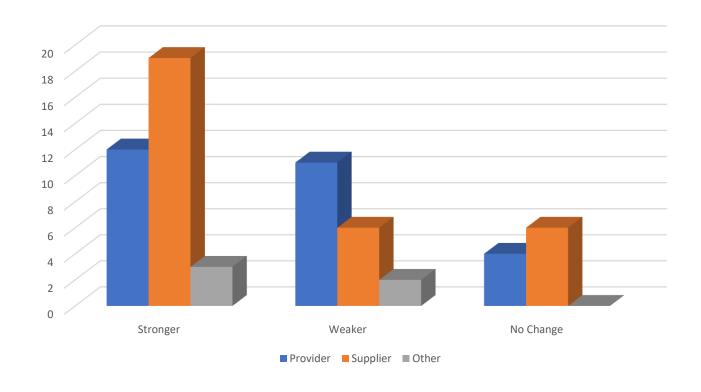


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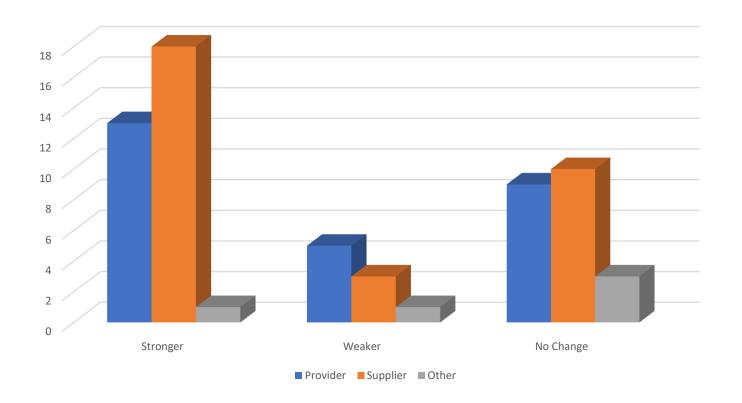


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Members shared their thoughts on trading partner relationships post-COVID:

Partnership is highly valued...

The supply chain experienced unprecedented times and quickly demonstrated our ability to quickly flex and focus on demand forecasting, building internal tools and dashboards to track data and critical PPE supply availability and needs. Certain suppliers went above and beyond, while others treated us as just another number. Those who truly partnered will be part of our preferred suppliers going forward.

If we are able to work together, the relationship will become stronger We've found that true empathy exists btwn providers and suppliers that are truly partners. Working together to help each other meet needs has taken greater emphasis.

The stakes are higher than ever and we need to collectively work on how to make the healthcare supply chain more efficient in the support of enhanced patient care

And some believe that changes to relationships will vary based on circumstances...

on question two provider/manufacture relationship will be stronger and weaker for some. 80-20 for stronger

Relations with suppliers will get stronger and weaker with Distributors since many IDN's will go and take control of their supply chain and open/rebuild their warehouses

I think that it will vary depending on the parties involved. Some parties build relationships and some do not.

Hard to really say if relationships will be stronger or weaker, but they will be different, my guess is that they will be deeper, meaning there will be discussions around suppliers/distributors supply chain as a whole, not just assessing the final product and delivery schedule. Suppliers and distributors that embrace this challenge will develop better relationships, those that don't will weaken.

The pandemic has stalled a lot of positive work on non-PPE projects.



Members shared their thoughts on trading partner relationships post-COVID:

Lots of thoughts on the complexity of relationships:

For the most part our trading partners worked through our distributor, which buffeted service challenges. Our second and third level trading partners stepped up big time to provide much needed PPE and other support.

I think the distributors will, correctly or not, take the brunt of the heat for pandemic related supply issues.

Relationships will need to be built/managed virtually much more so than pre-pandemic.

We have all had to work more closely together... some have stepped up to the plate, and some have not. The organizations that have invested in solving and meeting challenges have developed closer relationships with each other.

I think that this will open up opportunities that healthcare organizations historically didn't feel like they had the ability to explore because of the 700lb gorilla. However this leads to new manufacturers, new locations and new possibilities with smaller yet more agile trade partners. Through this Chaos come huge opportunities for all.

Adversity can and in my opinion bring the best out of people. I believe this happened in our industry during pandemic which is why I believe relationships will improve.

For question 2, I said stronger, but that's only for the few strong manufacturer/partners that are really trying to not take advantage of the Pandemic. There are others that I will remeber how we were treated.

Although I believe face-to-face interactions will be reduced between trade partners, I believe that relationships and collaboration will remain the same due to electronic interactions, video calls, etc.

In general relationships with suppliers will likely get stronger because of committed agreements and greater assurances of available supplies. Many healthcare organizations will likely make changes to their distribution models given experiences through COVID. Less reliance on distributors and more involvement in managing inventory levels and movement of product by providers.



Members shared their thoughts on trading partner relationships post-COVID:

And members believe that transparency is key:

Collaboration will result when transparency comes. need strong, transparent relationships

It will most likely depend on the willingness to be transparent and share information. Relationships with manufacturers and distributors that are not transparent, may be negatively impacted by the panamic.

Many lines of communication were opened up during the height of the pandemic. We all need to ensure we keep the lines open amongst manufacturers, distributors and providers!

All parties will want great transparency and reliability to the end to end supply chain. The greater the willingness of partners to embrace this, the stronger the partnerships will be.

Will align to manufactures and channel partners that provide transparency and proactive resilient solutions

The lack of transparency and effective communications (supplier trying to solicit responses from providers) is problematic.



SMI Members have taken up many new skills and hobbies during COVID-19...

Started walking 20 miles a week and lost 13#....yay!!

Woodworking

Traveling by private motor coach.

sleep deprivation...how to be productive with limited amounts of sleep and seemingly round the clock workloads. :)

soap carving

Using a hand plane in woodworking

Painting rocks

Running

Cooking on an air fryer grill.

Sampling fine bourbons....more frequently.

just more walking on the golf course

Lowering my golf handicap.

Chauffeuring my kids around town

The art of saying, "You are on mute"

RV'ing

Netflix series

Reading

Yoga

Working out and reading more

cribbage

Yard Work

Building birdhouses.

Patience!!!

Drinking Vodka instead of Wine: too many calories. :)

relearning Spanish, and Biking.

landscaping

Home Projects - Attics, closets, redecorating, painting, etc.

Meditation

video calls

cooking

Cat bas

Got back on my bike and am riding more again. Great to be outside in the fresh (non-covid) air. LOL

Violin

Restoring vintage outboard motors.

I am now raising 4 chickens for eggs. Should hit my first dozen this week.

Doing conference calls while on a local trail getting my exercise.