

A COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF HEALTHCARE AND TRADITIONAL SUPPLY CHAINS USING FINANCIAL RATIOS

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ABSTRACT

We compare and contrast the structure of healthcare and traditional supply chains using publicly available financial data. First, we develop a framework to analyze the healthcare supply chain and compare that with traditional supply chain. Then by analyzing financial ratios, we find that companies that operate in different stages of the healthcare supply chain do exhibit different characteristics and differ from the structure of the comparable stages of traditional supply chains. We then draw inferences about the structural differences of healthcare supply chain from traditional supply chains based on the observed patterns.

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