

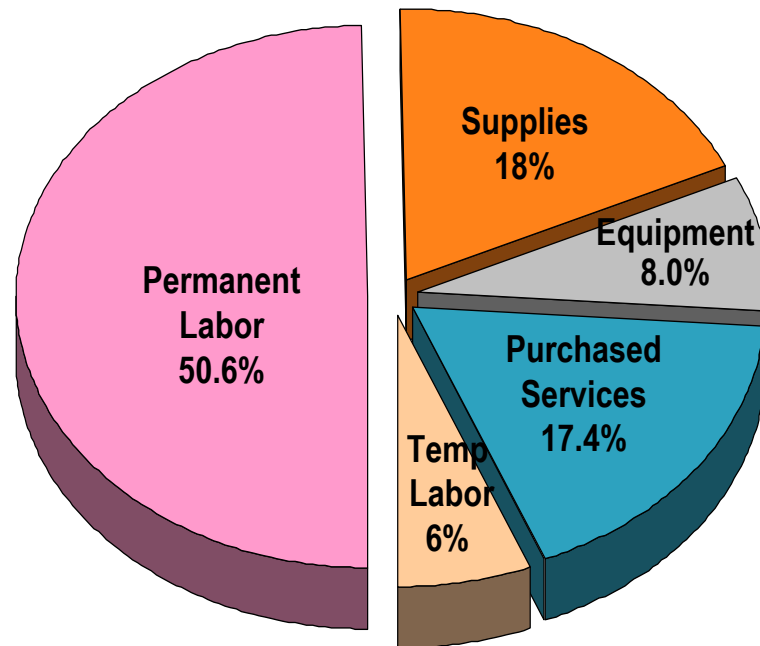
Mitigating Sourcing and Product Availability Risks in the Health Care Supply Chain

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Is the supply chain important in healthcare?

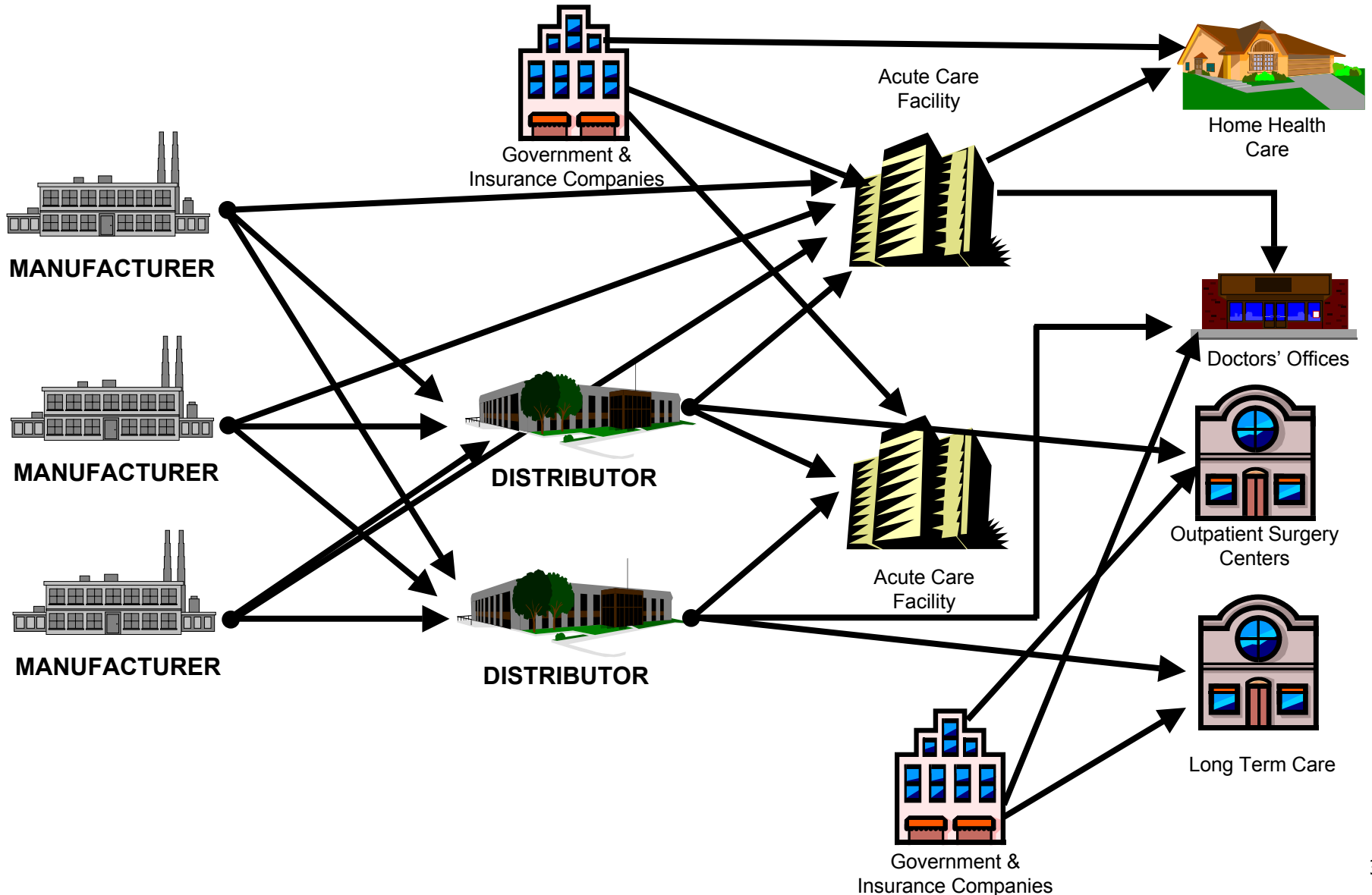
Costs are rising 8-20% annually around the world

Supply cost is the second largest expense category in healthcare



**\$80B in U.S. hospital supply expenditures
in 2001**

The typical healthcare supply chain is a complex network of material flows and financial payments



From the hospital's perspective, product sourcing and procurement are the most critical