

Vulnerability of the medical product supply chain: the wake-up call of COVID-19.

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The COVID-19 pandemic has raised concerns about medical product [shortages](#) and [demand surges](#), and the resulting effects on [patient safety](#). This viewpoint discusses medical product supply chain vulnerabilities heightened by the COVID-19 pandemic. The authors summarize the evidence on supply chain resilience and medical product shortage, provide examples to illustrate key vulnerabilities, and discuss reactive and proactive solutions for medical product shortage.