

Industry Leadership Award



Brian Smith

Brian Smith is a seasoned leader in procurement and supply chain management with over 25 years of dedicated experience at Johnson & Johnson. As the Chief Procurement Officer for J&J Innovative Medicine, he leads a dynamic team of procurement leaders, focusing on maximizing external spend efficiency and fostering strong relationships with supplier partners.

Brian has consistently driven significant strategic initiatives, achieving measurable improvements in traceable savings, cashflow improvement, and responsible procurement outcomes. He is a pivotal member of J&J's One Procurement leadership team, where he collaborates with colleagues across the organization to enhance procurement capabilities, talent, and digital agenda.

With a background that spans pharmaceutical manufacturing to global category leadership in Chemicals, External Manufacturing, and R&D, Brian's diverse experience is complemented by his passion for mentoring the next generation of Supply Chain Leaders. He actively engages with local organizations, developing programs that prepare emerging talent for future challenges.

Brian received a B.S. in Engineering from The College of New Jersey and an MBA from Rutgers Business School. Outside of work, he enjoys running, staying current on health research, and supporting community-based youth sports programs, which further enrich his leadership perspective.