Upgrading Specialty Pharmacy Terminology for Medication Delivery and Drug Therapy Management

**White Bagging**
A specialty pharmacy ships a patient's prescription directly to the provider (Hospital or Clinic).

Transportation of drugs problematic. Drugs can be sent from anywhere, arrive late, etc. Issue is fragmentation of care and negative patient experience. Multiple steps in the process.

**Brown Bagging**
The practice of patients acquiring pharmaceuticals, through their pharmacy benefit and bringing the drugs to a physician's office or hospital to have them administered.

No longer legal in most places. Multiple failure points.

**Clear Bagging**
A health system's internal specialty pharmacy fulfills the patient's prescription, then transports the product to the location of drug administration. Effectively depicts transparency among stakeholders.

Functional solution but lacks holistic healthcare approach; widget movement only.

**Gold Bagging**
Incorporates transparent clear bagging approach AND emphasizes the gold standard of care. Correlates to Olympic gold medal performance through improved care process leading to better patient outcomes.

Holistic, best practice approach. SP dispenses drug from their inventory to their clinic for their patient. More controlled, fewer failure points, patients’ physicians and EMR all available and updated. Promotes health equity. Gold Bagging acknowledges essential value in the pharmacy process steps, which are typically not reimbursable. Clinical pharmacist steps include: lab value monitoring and sterile infusion preparation.