

HEALTH CARE DELIVERY MODELS

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PREREQUISITES: Second year or higher graduate standing

OBJECTIVES: Systems engineering tools have been used in a wide variety of applications to achieve major improvements in the quality, efficiency, safety, and delivery of services across all industrial sectors. Nevertheless, the healthcare sector as a whole has been very slow to embrace them, even though these tools have been shown to yield valuable returns to the small but growing number of health care organizations and clinicians that have applied them. During the semester, we will read a broad collection of papers in the operations research literature that discuss how quantitative techniques have been used to improve the delivery of health care at the local level. In some cases, I will present a review of the methodology being used before the discussion. Topics will include decomposition techniques for integer programs, simulation, Markov chains, and stochastic programming.

GENERAL COURSE POLICIES

PREREQUISITES: Second year MS student in ORIE, or MS degree in related field. Integer programming, Stochastic processes, Statistics.

COURSEWORK: Students are expected to prepare for each meeting by reading the assigned paper(s). Typically, each paper will be assigned to a student who will take the lead in the discussion, though all students in the class are responsible to understand each paper in depth. There will be one or two PowerPoint presentations each session. Students are expected to have a solid mathematical background. Knowledge of deterministic and stochastic optimization, statistics, probability, and stochastic processes will be helpful.

For each paper, each student should provide answers to the following questions.

1. What is the problem/issue being addressed?
2. What is the model/framework used?
3. What is the solution approach proposed?
4. What is the source of the data and are the data realistic or adequate?
5. What are the major results/insights generated by the model?
6. Critique the model:
 - (a) When do you expect the model to perform well? Poorly?
 - (b) What are some extensions/improvements that could be made in the model?
 - (c) Are there any critical or questionable assumptions?

Project: During the semester, the students will organize in teams of 2 or 3 and undertake a project using real data. The work will involve a literature review,

model development, coding, analysis, writing a report, and group presentation during the last week of the semester. Project selection will take place during the first week of the course.

GRADING: Half the course grade will be based on attendance, weekly write-ups, and presentations. The other half will be based on the project.

DISHONESTY: University policies for academic dishonesty will be strictly followed. Students found cheating on any exam will receive a grade of “F” in the course. Homework and other assignments turned in that do not represent the student’s original work will receive a grade of zero.

DISABILITIES: The University of Texas provides upon request academic adjustments for students with documented disabilities. For more information, contact the Office of the Dean of Students at 512-471-6259 (voice) or 512-410-6644 (video phone) or e-mail ssd@austin.utexas.edu or <http://ddce.utexas.edu/disability/>

Topics and Papers (Assignments subject to change)

Health Care Planning & Control

1. Hans, E.W., Van Houdenhoven M., Hulshof P.J.H. (2011). A framework for health care planning and control, in: Hall, R. (Ed.) *Handbook of Health Care Systems Scheduling*, Springer International Series in Operations Research & Management Science, Vol. 168. Chapter 12, 303-320.

Staff Scheduling

2. Bard, J.F., Shu, Z., Leykum, L. (2013). Monthly clinic assignments for internal medicine housestaff. *IIE Transactions on Healthcare Systems Engineering*, 3(4), 207-239.
 - 4.1 Bard, J.F., Shu, Z., Morrice, D.J., Leykum, L.K. (2017). Constructing block schedules for internal medicine residents. To appear in *IIE Transactions on Healthcare Systems Engineering*.
- Bard, J.F., Purnomo, H.W. (2007). Cyclic preference scheduling of nurses using a Lagrangian-based heuristic. *Journal of Scheduling*, 10(1), 5-23.
- Brunner, J.O., Bard, J.F., Kolisch, R. (2009). Flexible shift scheduling of medical residents. *Health Care Management Science*, 12(3), 285-305.

Appointment Scheduling

3. Savin, S. (2006) Managing patient appointments in primary care. In Hall RW (ed). *Patient Flow: Reducing Delay in Healthcare Delivery*. Springer, New York, Chapter 5, pp 123-150.
 4. Castaing, J., Cohn, A., Denton, B.T., Weizer, A. (2016). A stochastic programming approach to reduce patient wait times and overtime in an outpatient infusion center. *IIE Transactions on Healthcare Systems Engineering*, 6(3), 111-125.
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Operating Room Planning & Scheduling

- Beliën, J., Demeulemeester, E. (2007). Building cyclic master surgery schedules with leveled resulting bed occupancy, *European Journal of Operational Research*, 176(2), 1185-1204.
5. Zhang, B., Murali, P., Dessouky, M.M., Belson, D. (2009). A mixed integer programming approach for allocating operating room capacity. *Journal of the Operational Research Society*, 60(5), 663-673.

Patient Flow & Process Improvement

- Bard, J.F., Shu, Z., Morrice, D., Wang, D., Poursani, R., Leykum, L. (2016). Improving patient flow at a family health clinic. *Health Care Management Science*, 19(2), 170-191.
6. Lane, D.C., Husemann, E (2008). System dynamics mapping of acute patient flows. *Journal of the Operational Research Society*, 59(2), 213-224.
 7. Lee, E.K., Atallah, H.Y., Wright, M.D., Post, E.T., Thomas IV, C., Wu, D.T., Haley Jr, L. (2014). Transforming hospital emergency department workflow and patient care, *Interfaces*, 45(1), 58-82.
- Morrice, D.J., Wang, E., Bard, J.F., Leykum, L., Noorily, S., Veerapaneni, P. (2014). A patient-centered surgical home to improve outpatient surgical processes of care and outcomes. *IIE Transactions on Healthcare Systems Engineering*, 4(3), 119-134.

8. Rohleder, T.R., Lewkonia, P., Bischak, D.P., Duffy, P., Hendijan, i R. (2011). Using simulation modeling to improve patient flow at an outpatient orthopedic clinic. *Health Care Management Science*, 14, 135-145.

Treatment

9. Romeijn, H.E., Ahuja, R.K., Dempsey, J.F. and Kumar, A. (2006). A new linear programming approach to radiation therapy treatment planning problems. *Operations Research*, 54(2) 201-216.
10. Underwood, D., Zhang, J., Denton, B.T., Shah, N. and Inman, B. (2012). Simulation optimization of PSA threshold based prostate cancer screening policies. *Health Care Management Science*, 15(4), 293-309.

Emergency Department Operations

- Sinreich, D., Jabali, O., Dellaert, N.P. (2012). Reducing emergency department waiting times by adjusting work shifts considering patient visits to care providers. *IIE Transactions on Scheduling & Logistics*, 44(3), 163-180.
11. Marmor, Y.N., Golany, B., Israelit, S., Mandelbaum, A. (2012). Designing patient flow in emergency departments. *IIE Transactions on Healthcare Systems Engineering* 2(4):233-247.

Public Health

12. Ekici, A., Keskinocak, P. and Swann, J.L. (2014). Modeling influenza pandemic and planning food distribution. *Manufacturing & Service Operations Management*, 16(1), 11-27.
13. Kong, N., Schaefer, A.J., Hunsaker, B. and Roberts, M.S. (2010). Maximizing the efficiency of the U.S. liver allocation system through region design. *Management Science*, 56(12). 2111–2122.

**Tentative Schedule for Presentations
Spring 2017**

T	17-Jan-17	Course preliminaries
H	19-Jan-17	Introduction to Healthcare (Bard)
T	24-Jan-17	Introduction to Healthcare (Bard)
H	26-Jan-17	Paper 1 (Bard)
T	31-Jan-17	Paper 2 (Bard)
H	2-Feb-17	Paper 3
T	7-Feb-17	Paper 4
H	9-Feb-17	Paper 4.1 (Block Sched - Bard)
T	14-Feb-17	Paper 5
H	16-Feb-17	LR Review (Bard)
T	21-Feb-17	Paper 5.1 (Cyclic LR - Bard)
H	23-Feb-17	Paper 5.1 (Cyclic LR - Bard)
T	28-Feb-17	Paper 6
H	2-Mar-17	Paper 7
T	7-Mar-17	Paper 8
H	9-Mar-17	
T	14-Mar-17	Spring Break
H	16-Mar-17	
T	21-Mar-17	Paper 8.1 (FHC – Bard)
H	23-Mar-17	Paper 9
T	28-Mar-17	Paper 8.1 (Bard)
H	30-Mar-17	Paper 10
T	4-Apr-17	Benders Decomp (Bard)
H	6-Apr-17	Paper 11
T	11-Apr-17	Paper 10.1 (IMRT – Bard)
H	13-Apr-17	Paper 12
T	18-Apr-17	Paper 12.1 (APC – Bard)
H	20-Apr-17	Paper 13
T	25-Apr-17	Paper 14
H	27-Apr-17	
T	2-May-17	Student presentations
H	4-May-17	Student presentations

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Review Papers: Role of Operations Research in Health Care

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- Cayirli, T., Veral, E. (2003). Outpatient scheduling in health care: A review of literature, *Production and Operations Management*, 12(4), 519-549.
- Denton, B.T., O. Alagoz, A. Holder, E.K. Lee (2011). Medical decision making: open research challenges. *IIE Transactions on Healthcare Systems Engineering*, 1, 161-167.
- Green, L.V (2012). The vital role of operations analysis in improving health care delivery. *Manufacturing & Service Operations Management*, 14(4) 488-494. (There are also follow-up commentaries to this paper in the same issue of MSOM journal.)
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Linear Programming Models

- Bertsimas, D., V.F. Farias, and N. Trichakis (2013). Fairness, efficiency, and flexibility in organ allocation for kidney transplantation. *Operations Research*, 61(1) 73-87.
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Integer Programming Models

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Stochastic (Programming) Models

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Chakraborty, S., Muthuraman, K., Lawley, M. (2010). Sequential clinical scheduling with patient no-shows and general service time distributions. *IIE Transactions on Operations Engineering*, 42(5), 354-366.

Kaandorp, G.C., Koole, G. (2007). Optimal outpatient appointment scheduling, *Health Care Management Science*, 10(3), 217-229.

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Muthuraman, K., Lawley, M. (2008). A stochastic overbooking model for outpatient clinical scheduling with no-shows. *IIE Transactions on Operations Engineering*, 40(9), 820-837.

Ozaltin, O.Y., Prokopyev, O.A., Schaefer, A.J. and Roberts, M.S. (2011). Optimizing the societal benefits of the annual influenza vaccine: A stochastic programming approach. *Operations Research*, 59(5), 1131-1143.

Zonderland, M.E., Boer F., Boucherie, R.J., de Roode A., van Kleef, J.W. (2009). Redesign of a university hospital preanesthesia evaluation clinic using a queuing theory approach. *Economics Education and Policy*, 109(5), 1612-1621.

MDP and Dynamic Programming Models

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Simulation Models

Bard, J.F., Shu, Z., Morrice, D., Wang, D., Poursani, R. and Leykum, L. (2016). Improving patient flow at a family health clinic. *Health Care Management Science*, 19(2), 170-191.

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