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## **CHOIR SEMINAR**

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## **RECENT UT PROJECTS AT MST**

- Verminderen van wachttijden in de polikliniek urologie (Stijn Roersch)
- Zorgpaden op de polikliniek gynaecologie (Henrike Beltman en Roos Klever)
- Tackling the bed blocking problem at MST (Nienke van Dijk)
- Model for scheduling multi-skilled personnel at the Department of Clinical Neurophysiology (Bibianne Geerts)
- Matching capacity and demand An analysis of the planning issues at the gynecology clinic at MST (Lieske Kobes)
- Tactical planning for the gastrointestinal and hepatology department of Medisch Spectrum Twente: designing a tactical conceptual planning model for the outpatient clinic and the endoscopic clinic (Chantal Olde Keizer)

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## **REUSABLE ITEMS: HOW MUCH TO STOCK WHERE?**

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Simme Douwe Flapper - Eindhoven University of Technology Pieter Wolbers - Logiqol Logistic Methods

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## **REUSABLE ITEMS IN HOSPITALS**



## **GENERAL SITUATION**

- Demand for *items* (e.g., infusion pumps, beds)
- Demand occurs at *demand locations* (e.g., building, floors, departments)
- Items are stocked in a stock point
- An *employee* (nurse or logistics employee) has to collect the item
- In this presentation:
  - Focus on Syringe Infusion Pumps, departments and nurses.
- However, models are more general!

#### **SITUATION** DEPARTMENTS IN HOSPITAL HAVE OWN STOCK OF PUMPS



#### **SITUATION** IF PATIENT NEEDS A PUMP, A NURSE WILL GET IT



#### **SITUATION** BUT WHAT IF MORE PATIENTS NEED A PUMP?



#### **SITUATION** AFTER USAGE PUMPS ARE NOT ALWAYS RETURNED



# SOME ISSUES

- A lot of walking and searching
  - Frustration
  - Feeling of shortage
  - Hoarding
- Longer waiting times for patients
  - Lower quality of care
- Not knowing where pumps are
  - Problematic for maintenance

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## GOAL

- Whenever a demand for a pump occurs:
  - The right pump
  - Needs to be available
  - At the right location
  - Within the allowed time frame

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#### **LITERATURE** HEALTHCARE

- Reusable items have been studied, for instance:
  - Beds (Green, 2002, Nguyen et al., 2005, de Bruin et al., 2009)
  - Infusion pumps (Kemper et al., 2009)
  - ...

 But main focus on how many items are needed, not on where they should be stocked.

#### LITERATURE SERVICE LOGISTICS

- Multi-location models including:
  - Lateral transshipments (Kranenburg and van Houtum, 2009, Reijnen et al, 2010, van Wijk et al., 2011)
  - Back-up warehouse (Axsater et al., 2010, van Wijk et al., 2011)

- Assumption:
  - After usage items are replenished to the stock point they were delivered from



- Transportation items
- Packaging materials
- Tools
- See Carrasco-Gallego et al. (2009) for a review
- Ongoing research; not in this presentation

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#### MODELS ASSUMPTIONS

- Demand at each department occurs following a Poisson process
- If no of the stock locations has stock, an alternative needs to be found:
  - Renting from outside company or using a different treatment
  - Demand is lost for stock point under consideration
- Whenever the treatment of a patient is finished, the item goes back to the stock point where it was collected.

#### **MODELS** PERFORMANCE MEASURES

- Item costs:
  - Acquisition cost of the pumps
- Patient service level:
  - Percentage of time that an item is available within 30 minutes after demand
- Employee satisfaction:
  - Walking distance
  - Probability that multiple stock points need to be visited

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$$\frac{(\lambda_j)^{S_j}}{\sum_{i=0}^{S_j}}$$
  
• Min S<sub>j</sub> S.t.  $P_j^{lost} = \frac{\frac{(\lambda_j)^{S_j}}{S_j!}}{\sum_{i=0}^{S_j} \frac{(\lambda_j)^i}{i!}} < y$ 

Walking distance = 0

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• For all departments together:  
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$$P^{lost} = \frac{\frac{\lambda}{S!}S}{\sum_{i=0}^{S}\frac{\lambda_i}{i!}} < y$$
  
• Where  $\lambda = \sum \lambda_j$ 

• Walking distance =  $\Sigma_j \lambda_j$  \* Distance to stock point from department *j* 

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 Assuming all stock points can be reached within the maximum allowed time, the needed stock is the same as for one stock point, so:

For all departments together:  
• Min S S.t. 
$$P^{lost} = \frac{\frac{\lambda}{\mu}s}{\sum_{i=0}^{S}\frac{\lambda}{i!}} < y$$

 The stock is divided over the different stock points using a marginal analysis

#### **MODELS** STOCKS ARE SHARED

- Using the overflow algorithm of van Wijk et al. (2011), we can determine:
  - β<sub>j</sub>: fraction of the demand for department *j* that is fulfilled directly from stock
  - α<sub>jk</sub>: fraction of the demand for department *j* that is fulfilled from the stock point of department *k*
  - $\theta_i$ : fraction of the demand for department *j* that is lost
- Walking distance and average number of stock points visited can be determined from the above fractions, the order of which departments are visited and the distances.

#### **MODELS** ONE BACK-UP LOCATION



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- Using a greedy algorithm combined with the overflow algorithm of van Wijk et al. (2011), we can determine:
  - S
  - β<sub>j</sub>: fraction of the demand for department *j* that is fulfilled directly from stock
  - α<sub>jk</sub>: fraction of the demand for department *j* that is fulfilled from the back-up stock
  - $\theta_i$ : fraction of the demand for department *j* that is lost
  - Walking distance
  - Average number of stock points visited

### **MODELS** ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES

	Item costs	Patient service level	Employee satisfaction
Own stock		++	++
One stock point	++		+/-
Shared stock	++	+/-	
Back-up stock point	+/-	+/-	+/-

### **MODELS** NOT TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT

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### **RESULTS** DEPARTMENTS AT EACH FLOOR

- Distances are small
- So, disadvantages one stock point disappear

	Item costs	Patient service level	Employee satisfaction
Own stock		++	++
One stock point	++	+	+
Shared stock	++	+/-	+/-
Back-up stock point	+/-	+	+

#### RESULTS FLOORS

- 3 floors
- 4 options studied:
  - A. One stock point
  - B. Two stock points, no sharing
  - C. Three stock points (each floor), no sharing
  - D. Three stock points (sharing)

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