

IE 485 DECISION MAKING IN HEALTH CARE
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Recommended Textbooks: There is no required textbook for this course. A packet of articles will be provided, and additional readings will be distributed as needed.

Optional Textbooks:

- Drummond MF, O'Brien B, Stoddart GL, Torrance GW. Methods for Evaluation of Health Care Programmes, second edition, Oxford Medical Publications, Oxford 1997.
- Sox HC Jr., Blatt MA, Higgins MC, Marton KI. Medical Decision Making. Butterworth-Heinemann, Boston, 1988.
- Petitti DB. Meta-Analysis, Decision Analysis, and Cost-Effectiveness Analysis. Oxford University Press, New York, 2000.
- Gold MR, Siegel JE, Russel LB, Weinstein MC. Cost-Effectiveness in Health and Medicine , Oxford University Press, New York, 1996.

Course Objectives:

The purpose of this course is to provide an introduction to the use of decision sciences in health-care industry. As the pressures of managed care and increasing health care costs push providers, payers and purchasers of health care to become more efficient, methods for understanding the appropriate basis for how to allocate shrinking health care resources must be understood. In addition to developing a conceptual understanding of medical decision making, the course will develop technical skills in decision analysis including the creation and evaluation of decision trees, the use of sensitivity analysis, using Markov processes, incorporation of specific patient preferences through the use of utility analysis, the use of mathematical modeling as well as multi-criteria decision making tools in health care resource allocation. Examples from the current medical literature will be discussed.

Prerequisite: Basic probability and statistics, basic understanding of mathematical modeling and linear optimization

Homework Assignments: A set of exercises will be assigned and graded.

Quizzes: There will be a total of 4 in-class quizzes. The exact dates will be announced during the semester.

Project: The course project involves either the critical appraisal of an article in the area of medical decision making using one or more of the methods discussed in the class (you will pick the article yourself) or repeating a quantitative analysis (developing and solving a mathematical model of an operations research problem) in the health domain. You will work on the project in groups of 3.

Exams: There will be one in-class midterm and one in-class comprehensive final exam. The exams will be closed-books and closed notes. The exact dates and places will be announced during the semester.

Grading Policy: The overall score will be computed based on the following scheme:

Homeworks: 10 %

Quizzes: 10 %

Midterm Exam: 30 %

Final Exam: 35 %

Project: 10 %

Participation: 5 %

IMPORTANT: You will be eligible to take the final exam only if the weighted summation of your grades from the homeworks, quizzes and midterm is at least 20 points out of 50. Those who cannot satisfy this condition will get grade FZ.

Tentative Course Outline:

Topic	Suggested Reading (The bold ones are required)
Introduction	1,2,3, 4
Basics of Decision Making in Health Care	5,6
Estimating Benefits, Outcomes and Costs	7,8,9
Time Preferences, Sensitivity Analysis	10,11
Analysis Methods, Decision Trees, Performance of Diagnostic Tests	12,13,14,15
Markov Processes	16,17
Monte-Carlo Simulation	18
OR in Health Care	1, 19
Data Envelopment Analysis	20,21
Equity issues in Health Care Resource Allocation	22,23, 24
Multi-criteria Decision Making Applications in Health Care	25

READING LIST

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2. Drummond Chapter 1
3. Drummond Chapter 2
4. Gold Chapter 1
5. Gold Chapter 2
6. Detsky A, Naglie IG. A clinician's guide to cost effectiveness analysis. Annals of Internal Medicine 1990, 113: 147-154
7. Drummond Chapter 6
8. Guyatt GH, Feeny DH, Patrick DL. Measuring health-related quality of life. Annals of Internal Medicine 1993, 118: 622-629.
9. Drummond Chapter 4
10. Keeler EB, Cretin S. Discounting of life-saving and other nonmonetary effects. Management Science 29: 300-306

11. Drummond Chapter 5
12. Detsky AS, Naglie G, Krahn MD, Naimark D, Redelmeier DA. Primer on medical decision analysis: Part 1- Getting Started. *Medical Decision Making*. 1997;17(2):123-5
13. Detsky AS, Naglie G, Krahn MD, Redelmeier DA, Naimark D. Primer on medical decision analysis: Part 2- Building a Tree. *Medical Decision Making*. 1997;17(2):126-35
14. Naglie G, Krahn MD, Naimark D, Redelmeier DA, Detsky AS. Primer on medical decision analysis: Part 3-Estimating Probabilities and utilities. *Medical Decision Making*. 1997, 17(2):136-41
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21. Gok M.S.and Sezen B. , Analyzing the Efficiencies of Hospitals: An Application of Data Envelopment Analysis", *Journal of Global Strategic Management*, 2011 December Vol 10, 137-146
22. Stinnett A.A., Paltiel D.A. Mathematical programming for the efficient allocation of health care resources, *Journal of Health Economics*,15 (1996): 641-653
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24. Wagstaff A. , QALYs and the equity-efficiency trade-off, *Journal of Health Economics*, 10 (1991): 21-41.
25. Morton A., Aversion to health inequalities in healthcare prioritisation: A multicriteria optimisation perspective, *Journal of Health Economics*, Volume 36, July 2014, Pages 164-173.