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Abstract:

In 2007, the Centers for Medicaid & Medicare Services (CMS) introduced new regulations intended to incentivize transplant programs to achieve better post-transplant outcomes. However, the regulations were widely criticized as they caused programs to become increasingly risk-averse and disinclined to accepting high-risk patients. We examine the problem of finding an optimal mix of patients that maximizes a program's transplant volume while guaranteeing that the risk of getting penalized under CMS regulations is below a specified threshold. To this end, we present a chance-constrained mixed-integer programming model and use it to derive analytical insight into a program's optimal behavior. We obtain a tractable approximation to this model, and perform numerical experiments that validate the observed adverse impact of the regulations on lung transplant volume.

Biography:

Andrew Schaefer is Noah Harding Chair and Professor of Computational and Applied Mathematics at Rice University. Previously he was John Swanson Chair at the University of Pittsburgh. He received his PhD in Industrial Engineering from the University of Pittsburgh, where he worked on problems in operations research, epidemiology, influenza, and cancer.