

## GRADUATE SEMINAR

# Residency Block Scheduling: A Case Study in Using Integer Programming within a Healthcare Setting

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Within the healthcare setting, there are many problems where traditional operations research techniques such as integer programming can add significant value. Applying these techniques successfully, however, requires a deep understanding of the problem domain, an ability to communicate effectively with non-technical clinical partners, and a new way of thinking about “optimality.” I will present a real-world case study on building block schedules for the University of Michigan Medical School and discuss these issues within that context.



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