

# Defining Unmet Needs of Clinical Practice

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# Objectives

- Appreciation of complexity of clinical pathways
- A method of utilising routine clinical datasets to define clinical pathways
- Importance of defining baseline pathways to quantify innovation impact

# Overview

- Worked Example
  - Extent of the clinical problem, neutropenic sepsis
  - Method of defining baseline clinical pathways
    - Routine clinical dataset
    - NETIMIS
  - The innovation
  - Visualising & quantifying where impacts realised

# Cancer Statistics

- UK population projected to increase to 70 million by 2027
- Number people  $\geq 80$  years projected to double to 6 million by 2037
- $\geq 1/3$  cancers diagnosed are in people 75 years and over
- 1 in 2 people in the UK born after 1960 will be diagnosed with cancer in their lifetime
- $>1/3$  patients diagnosed with cancer in UK each year receive chemotherapy, the true number increasing by 15% each year.

# Chemotherapy Toxicity

- Nausea and vomiting, alopecia, diarrhoea, mucositis
- Myelosuppression and neutropenic sepsis
  - Medical emergency
  - Clinical review and blood count
  - Admission for IV antibiotics
- Prior to next cycle
  - Toxicity(neutropenia must resolve)

**Contact St James's Institute of Oncology immediately if you experience any of the following:**

- Temperature of 38°C or above for longer than an hour
- Feeling very unwell.
- Having the shivers.
- Any symptoms of an infection, for example, pain when passing urine, coughing green/yellow phlegm, sore treatment line, rash.
- Being sick and not being able to keep any fluids down
- Severe diarrhoea.
- Spontaneous bleeding or bruising.
- Sore mouth that is painful.
- Inability to eat or drink.

If you have any of the above symptoms or are feeling seriously unwell please contact:  
**St James's University Hospital (0113) 243 3144**  
and ask for the **Oncology Patient Enquiries**  
**Bleepholder.**

**Please note that this is only for patients experiencing side effects during or immediately following a course of treatment (i.e. within 3 to 4 weeks).**

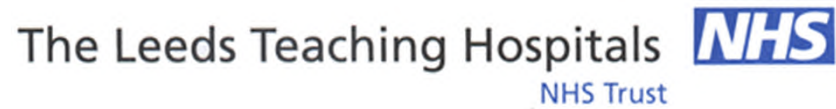
*General enquiries about appointments etc. should be directed to the appropriate department. For other problems not related to your treatment, you should contact your GP.*

# Neutropenic Sepsis

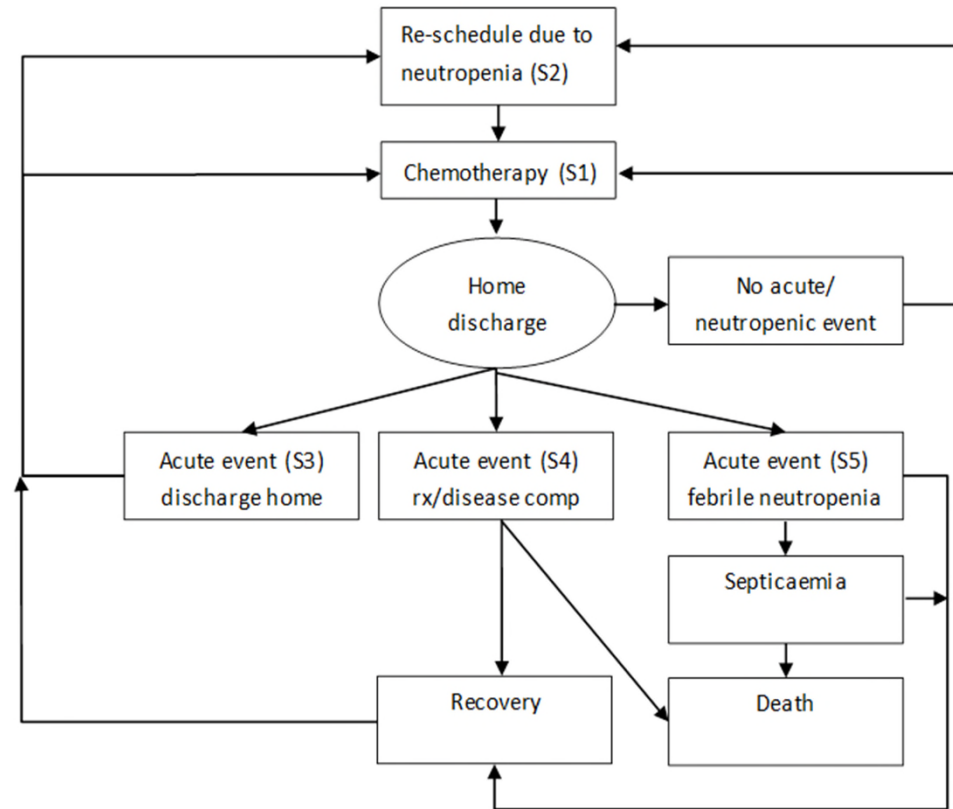
- Incidence febrile neutropenia dependent upon primary cancer site and chemotherapy regimen\*.
  - high risk >20%
  - Intermediate risk 10-20%
  - low risk <10%
- Febrile neutropenia\*\*
  - Median admission duration 5 days
  - Mean 9 days
  - Range of 1-60 days
- Inpatient mortality rates of neutropenia complicated by sepsis range from 4.2% to 12.5%\*\*.

\*Aapro et al, European Journal of Cancer, 2011. \*\*Oakley et al, Cancer Nursing Practice, 2010. Kuderer et al, Cancer, 2006. Courtney et al, Oncologist, 2006.

# Worked Example



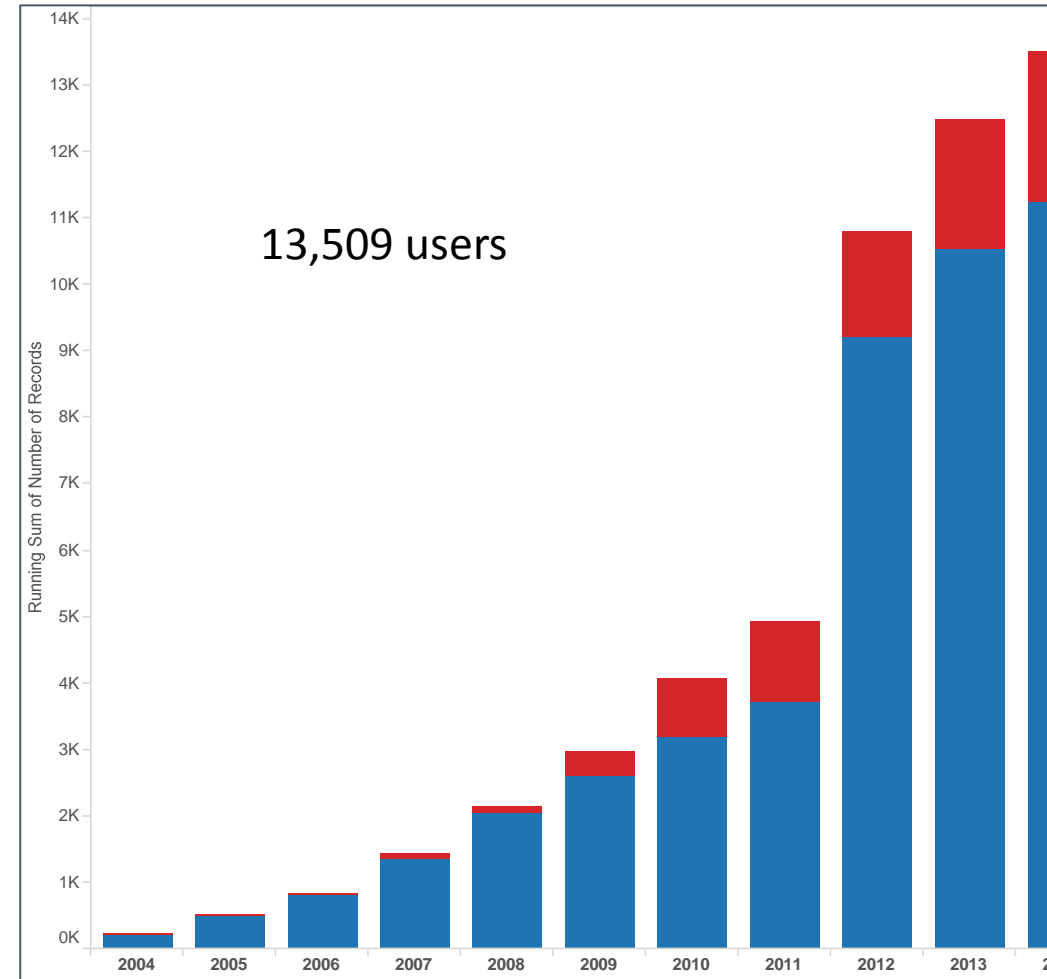
# Assumed Clinical Pathways



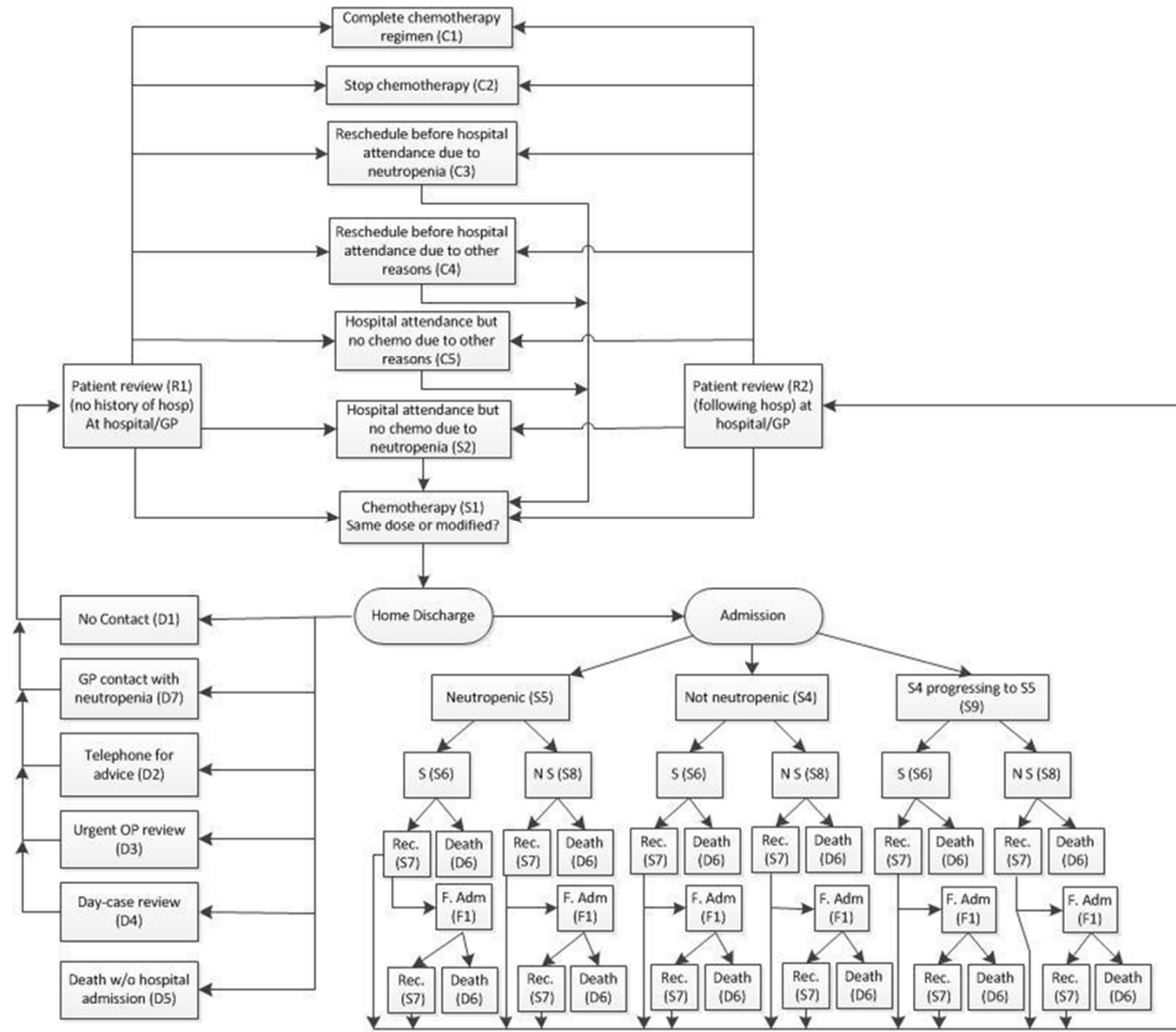


# PPM+ Dec 2014

- 1.98 million patients
  - 43 million events
    - 17.5 million out-patient events
    - 3.3 million admissions
  - 65 million blood results
  - 2.9 million plain text annotations
  - 4.7 million plain text radiology reports
  - 578K plain text pathology reports
  - 543K diagnoses
  - 136K radiotherapy treatments
  - 278 K chemotherapy cycles

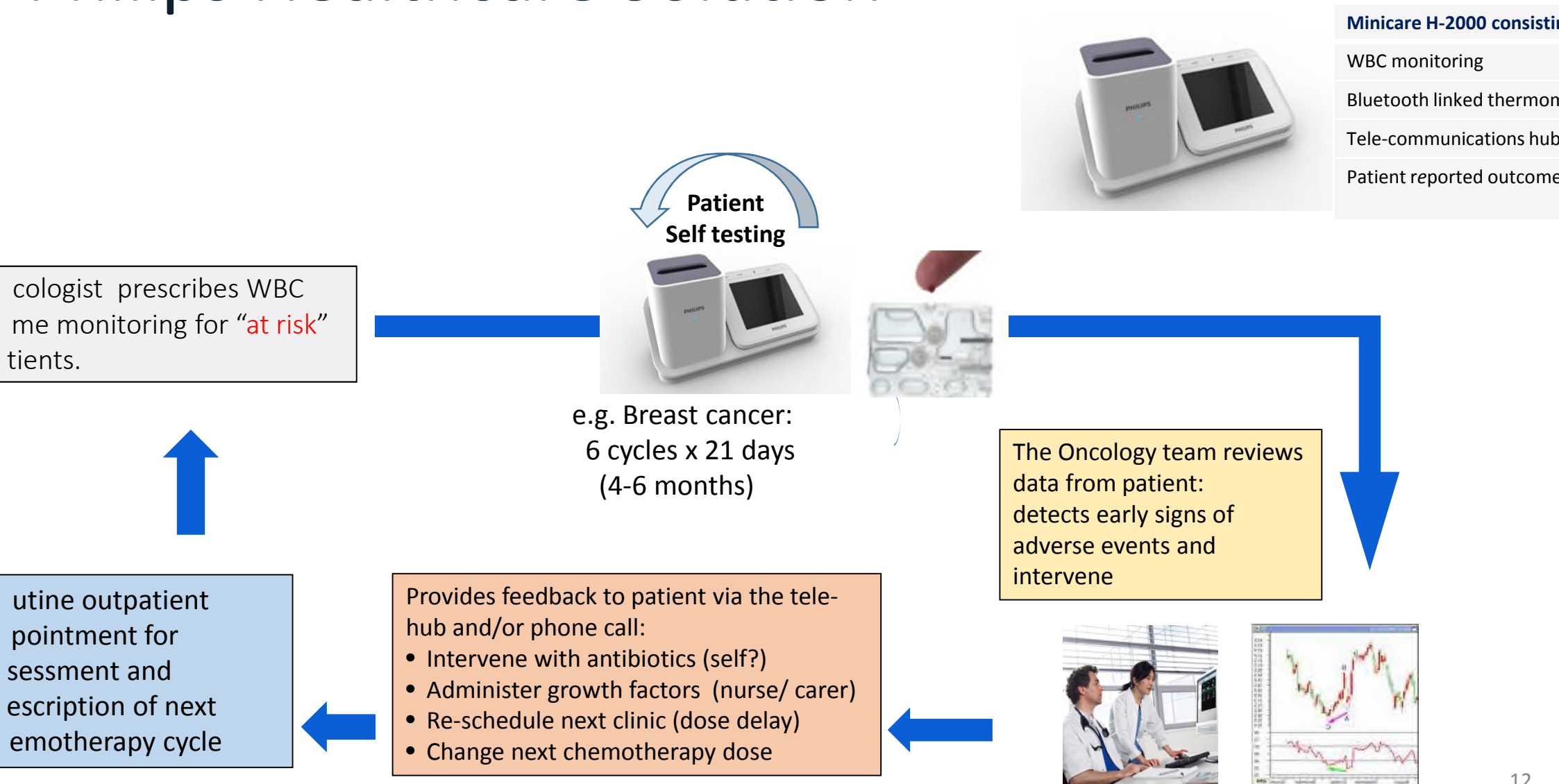


# Better Understand Care Pathway



an we use real data to populate real pathways?

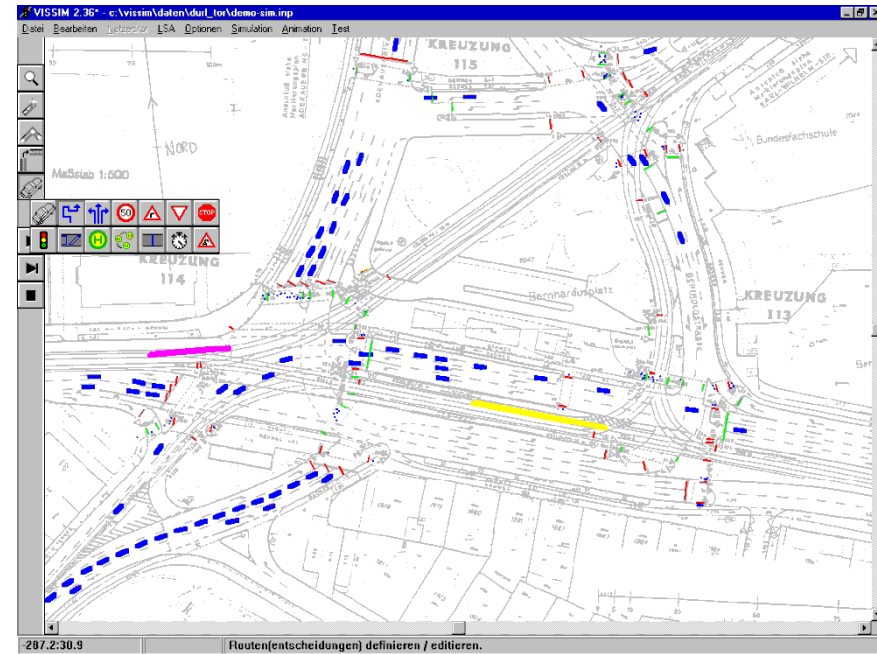
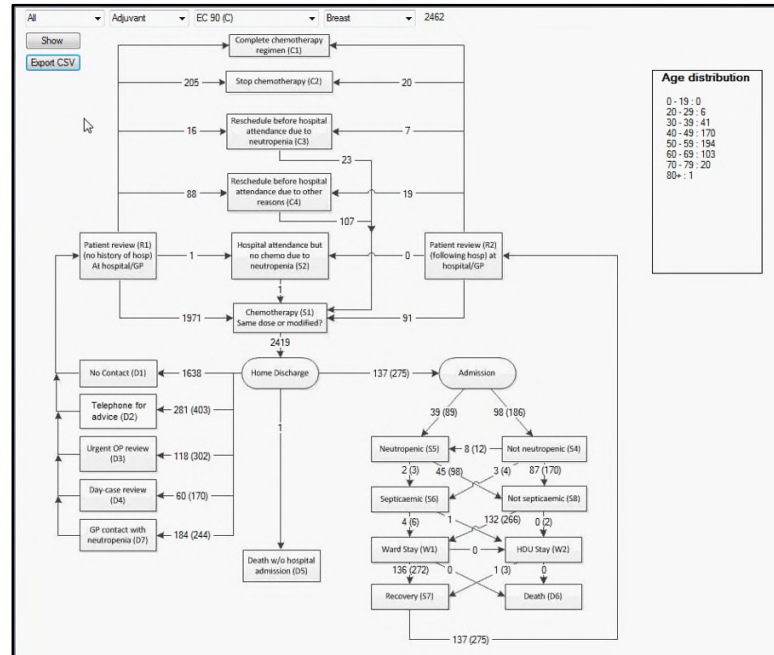
# Philips Healthcare Solution



# NETIMIS

## Network Tools for Intervention Modelling with Intelligent Simulation

### From traffic simulation to patient flows



Source: Example of transport simulation software. <http://www.its.leeds.ac.uk/projects/smarest/>  
Institute of Transport Studies, University of Leeds

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Introduction of POCT at GP/Walk-in centre in sepsis pathways (3)

Model settings

Model title: Introduction of POCT at GP/Walk-in centre in sepsis pathways (3)

Population size: 500

Currency: GBP

Time unit: hours

State of attendance: 1

Network Tools for Intervention Modelling with Intelligent Simulation

About NETIMIS

NETIMIS is a web-based simulation software tool, which offers a set of functionalities to analyse, create and edit healthcare scenarios through pathway modelling.

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Case Studies

NETIMIS was developed as a data modelling tool to improve healthcare pathways in the UK NHS. Click here to read the case studies on how NETIMIS can help make improvements.

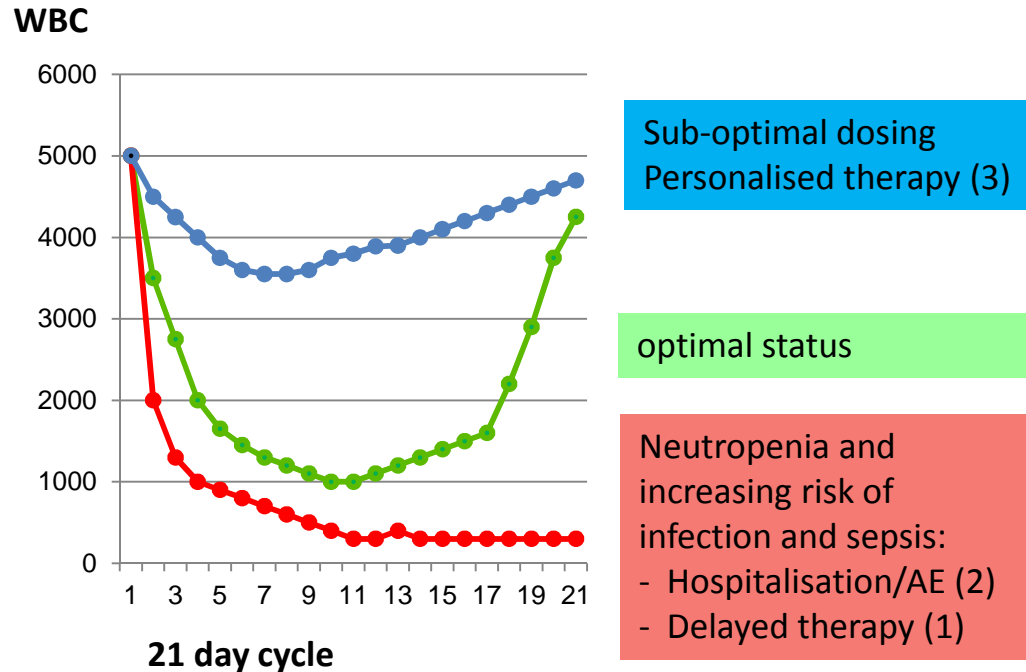
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[www.netimis.co.uk](http://www.netimis.co.uk)

- Simulates patient flow
- Means to experiment with change
- Enables sharing of visual models of current and proposed pathways
- Can assign cost and time at each action point



# Where might the benefits be realised?



## Impact on Patients:

- Wasted journeys & delayed treatment
- Lengthy waiting in out-patients
- Emergency Hospitalisations
- Morbidity
- Anxiety & Stress

## 1. Scheduling:

- Missed clinics
- Wasted hospital/ clinic resource

## 2. Adverse events (AE):

- Emergency hospitalisations (5%)\*
- Lengthy bed stays
- Sig. mortality- Neutropenic Sepsis (10%)
- Cost per episode

## 3. Personalised treatment:

- Over-treated or
- Under-treated

\*41K patient study, Kuderer et al, Cancer, 2006



# Where might the benefits be realised?

## 1. In the pathway, directly for patients

- Acute scenario
  - Reduce frequency and severity of adverse events
  - Reduce assessments which result in no change to management
  - Reduce other hospital contacts
- Elective chemotherapy
  - Reduce wasted hospital journeys

## 2. Indirectly as a result of pathway changes

- Reduce chemotherapy wastage & cancellation delivery slots
- Reduce staff & consumable resource
- Reduce transport costs to NHS & patients (car parking)
- Reduce Anxiety

# Summary

- Extent of the clinical problem, neutropenic sepsis
- Method of defining baseline clinical pathways
  - Routine clinical dataset
  - NETIMIS
- Modelling clinical pathways to visualise where impacts realised

# Key Messages

- Awareness of complexity of clinical pathways
- A method of populating pathways with existing routine clinical data
- Importance of defining baseline pathways to quantify innovation impact
  - Enables identification of where there are unmet needs
  - Demonstrates how test might give value at different points in the pathway

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