OPDSS: A STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM FOR HOSPITAL OUTPATIENT DEPARTMENTS

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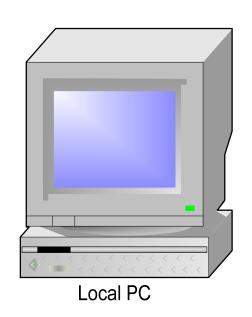


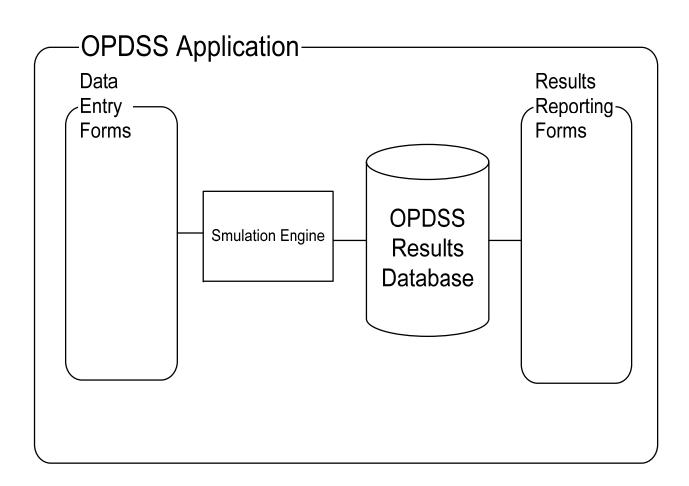
UNIQUENESS OF OPDSS

Outcomes modelled using:

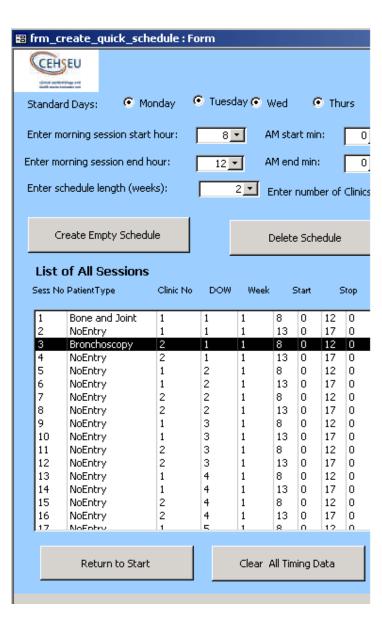
- Throughput
- Queues
- Schedules
- Waiting lists
- Patient Failures to Attend

SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE

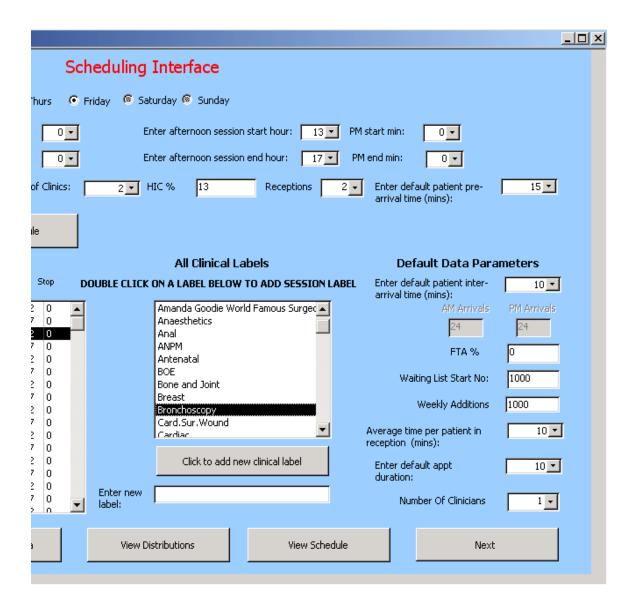




SCHEDULING DETAILS



CLINIC DETAILS



LITERATURE REVIEW

- Hashimoto and Bell (1996): single simulation model at one site in one context
- Paul and Kuljis (1995): iconic approach to simulation of outpatient clinics
- Levy, Watford and Owen (1989): isolated simulation model
- Guo, Wagner and West (2004): framework for scheduling rules

METHODS

- Participant selection
- Data collection:
 - 1. Pre-usage session
 - 2. Software usage sessions
 - 3. Post-session usage survey

PERCEIVED USEFULNESS

Pre-usage		Post-usage	
Will this tool be useful to you in your day- to-day job?			
Yes	1 (8%)	Yes	1 (8%)
Possibly	5 (42%)	Possibly	2 (17%)
No	5 (42%)	No	6 (50%)
N/A	1 (8%)	N/A	3 (25%)
Will this tool be useful to others in their day-to-day job?			
Yes	6 (50%)	Yes	8 (67%)
Possibly	5 (42%)	Possibly	1 (8%)
No	0 (0%)	No	0 (0%)
N/A	1 (8%)	N/A	3 (25%)

SOME FEEDBACK

- One user stated that the system "looks aesthetically attractive and easy enough to follow prompts", but also suggested the application save graphical views of data for subsequent direct comparison.
- Concerns were expressed over the learnability as in some cases users felt they would forget how to use the application between interactions with the system.
- Three users had concerns in relation to aspects of functionality rather than more general HCI issues. These concerns included the inability of the application to deal directly with the distinction between new and returning patients. However, Custom Scheduling does provide this functionality.

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