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## Expertise

Empirical Operations Management, Sequential Decision Making

## Education

09/2016 - 09/2020 Ph.D., Management Science and Engineering, Stanford University

Supervisor: Margaret Brandeau

09/2014 - 09/2016 M.S., Management Science and Engineering, Stanford University

05/2010 - 05/2014 B.Eng., Industrial and Systems Engineering, National University of Singapore

## Honors and Awards

Runner up, INFORMS Decision Analysis Society Best Student Paper Award, 2019

Doctoral Fellowship, Stanford University Department of Management Science and Engineering, 2017 - 2020

Third Prize, Citadel Datathon, Correlation One, 2018

First Prize, Syngenta Crop Challenge, INFORMS, 2016

First Class Honors, National University of Singapore, 2014

Dean's List, National University of Singapore, 2010–2014

## Research Papers

\* *Indicates equal contribution*

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Operations Research and Management Science Related Papers:

[1] Li X\*, **Zhong H\***, Brandeau ML. (2021). Quantile Markov decision processes. *Operations Research*, 70(3):1428-1447.

- Runner-up for 2019 INFORMS Decision Analysis Society Best Student Paper Award

[2] **Zhong H**, Wang G, Dai T. (2023) Wheels on the Bus: Impact of vaccine rollouts on demand for public transportation. Under first round of revision at *Production and Operations Management*.

Healthcare Application Papers:

[1] **Zhong H**, Li X, Ermon S, Lobel D, Brandeau ML. (2018). Hierarchical modeling of seed variety yields and decision making for future planting plans. *Environment, Systems and Decisions*, 28(4), 458-470.

- Winner of 2015 INFORMS Syngenta Crop Challenge

[2] **Zhong H**, Arjmand IK, Brandeau ML, Bendavid E. (2019). Clinical outcomes and cost-effectiveness of treating depression in HIV-infected populations in sub-Saharan Africa: A model-based analysis. *AIDS Care*, 20, 1-7.

- Nominated for Society of Medical Decision Making Lee B. Lusted Student Poster Award

- [3] Adee M, Zhuo Y, Zhan T, Chen Q, Toumi A, Ayer T, Nwankwo C, **Zhong H**, Puenpatom A, Chhatwal, J. (2021). A tool to inform Hepatitis C elimination: A case for Hepatitis C elimination in China. *Clinical Liver Disease*, 17(3), 99.
- [4] Adee M, Zhuo Y, **Zhong H**, Zhan T, Aggarwal R, Shilton S, Chhatwal J. (2021) Cost-effectiveness of Hepatitis C testing pathways in Georgia using Hep C Testing Calculator. *Nature Scientific Reports*, 11, 21382
- [5] Adee M, **Zhong H**, Reipold E, Zhuo Y, Shilton S, Chhatwal J. (2021) Cost-effectiveness of a core-antigen based rapid diagnostic test for hepatitis C. *Value in Health*, 25(7), 1107-1115.
- [6] **Zhong H**, Brandeau ML, Yazdi G, Wang J, Nolen S, Hagan L, Thompson W, Assoumou S, Linas B, Salomon J. (2021). Metamodeling for policy simulations with multivariate outcomes. *Medical Decision Making*, 42(7), 872-884.
- [7] Alec A, **Zhong H**, Hiebert L, Zhuo Y, Adee M, Paraschiv A, Stratulat S, Ward J, Chhatwal J. (2023). Hepatitis C elimination in Moldova is feasible and cost-saving: A modeling study. *The Journal of Infectious Disease*, 228(13), 189-197.
- [8] **Zhong H**, Aaron A, Hiebert L, Serumondo J, Zhuo Y, Adee M, Gallican NR, Ward J, Chhatwal, J. (2024). Hepatitis C elimination in Rwanda: Progress, feasibility, and economic Evaluation. *Value in Health*, 27(7):918-925

## Grant

- [1] +Policy Research Fellowship, Virginia Tech  
Title: Pain and Risk Assessment for Aging Rural Populations: Implications for Clinical Practice and Health Policy.  
Awarded Amount: \$9,998; Time: 2023-10 to 2024-06
- [2] Alzheimer's and Related Diseases Research Award Fund, Virginia Center on Aging  
Title: Developing Statitiscal Analysis for Cognitive Impairment and Chronic Pain Interactions: A Preliminary Step Towards Integrated Care  
Awarded Amount: \$49,996; Time: 2024-07 to 2024-06

## Conference Presentations

- [1] Clinical Outcomes and Cost-Effectiveness of Treating Depression in HIV-Infected Populations in Sub-Saharan Africa: A Model-Based Analysis. INFORMS Annual Meeting, Nashville, 2016
- [2] Health Outcomes and Cost-Effectiveness of Treating Depression in HIV-Infected Populations in Sub-Saharan Africa. Society of Medical Decision Making Annual Conference, Vancouver, 2016
- [3] Hierarchical Modeling of Seed Variety Yields and Decision Making for Future Planting Plans. INFORMS Annual Meeting, Nashville, 2016
- [4] Hierarchical Modeling of Seed Variety Yields and Decision Making for Future Planting Plans. INFORMS Conference on Business Analytics and Operations Research, Orlando, 2016
- [5] A Treatment Model for Choosing Optimal ART Initiation Time. INFORMS Annual Meeting, Houston, 2017
- [6] Quantile Markov Decision Processes. INFORMS Annual Meeting, Houston, 2017
- [7] Optimal Antiretroviral Monitoring Under Different Economic Conditions. INFORMS Annual Meeting, Phoenix, 2018

- [8] Monitoring HIV Treatment Under Different Resource Settings. INFORMS Annual Meeting, Seattle, 2019
- [9] Metamodeling for Policy Simulations with Multivariate Outcomes, Society of Medical Decision Making Annual Conference, Portland, 2019
- [10] A Web Tool for Assessing Screening and Treatment Strategies in Correctional Facilities. National Hepatitis Corrections Network Webinar, 2020
- [11] Cost-effectiveness of a Core Antigen Based Rapid Diagnostic Test for Hepatitis C, Society of Medical Decision Making Annual Meeting, Virtual, 2021
- [12] Wheels on the Bus: Impact of Vaccine Rollouts on Demand for Public Transportation, INFORMS Annual Conference, Anaheim, 2021
- [13] A Tool To Inform Global Hepatitis C Elimination In Developing Countries, INFORMS Annual Conference, Anaheim, 2021
- [14] Towards Hepatitis C Elimination in Rwanda: Strategies for the Last Mile, INFORMS Annual Conference, Indianapolis, 2022
- [15] Wheels on the Bus: Impact of Vaccine Rollouts on Demand for Public Transportation, POMS Annual Conference, Orlando, 2023
- [16] Wheels on the Bus: Impact of Vaccine Rollouts on Demand for Public Transportation, INFORMS Annual Conference, Phoenix, 2023
- [17] The “Netflix Model”: A New Payment Model for Asymptomatic Disease Management , POMS Annual Conference, Minneapolis, 2024
- [18] The “Netflix Model”: A New Payment Model for Asymptomatic Disease Management , EURO Operations Research Conference, Copenhagen, 2024

### **Scholar Service**

- Active reviewer for Manufacturing & Service Operations Management, Production and Operations Management, IISE Healthcare Systems Engineering, Healthcare Management Science, Addiction, American Journal of Addiction, Lancet Regional Health, Medical Decision Making, Medical Decision Making: Policy and Practice, Journal of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome, Liver International, Frontiers in Public Health, Journal of Comparative Effectiveness Research, International Journal of Automation and Control, Symmetry.
- Session Chairs for INFORMS Annual Conference from 2017, 2018, 2019, 2024

### **Invited Talk**

- Healthcare Decision-Making: From Practice to Theory
  - Invited by Virginia Tech, University of Massachusetts (Amherst), George Mason University, . Queen’s University, Hong Kong University, Fudan University
- Medical Decision-Making: A Case Study of Hepatitis C Elimination
  - Invited by Mississippi State University, Virginia Tech

### **Teaching Experience**

01/2023–05/2023	Instructor: ISE 5424 : Random Process (Virginia Tech), Teaching Evaluation: 5.8/6
04/2019–06/2019	Instructor: MS&E 190 : Methods and Models for Policy and Strategy Analysis (Stanford University)
06/2017–06/2018	Teaching Assistant: MS&E 111: Introduction to Optimization (Stanford University)
09/2016–12/2016	Teaching Assistant: MS&E 207: Interactive Management Science (Stanford University)
06/2015–08/2015	Teaching Assistant: MS&E 244: Economic Growth and Development (Stanford University)
08/2011–12/2011	Teaching Assistant: CS1020E: Programming Methodology and Data Structure (National University of Singapore)

## References

- [1] Margaret L. Brandeau, Coleman F. Fung Professor in the School of Engineering and Professor (by Courtesy) of Medicine, Department of Management Science and Engineering, Stanford University, brandeau@stanford.edu, (650) 725-1623
- [2] Tinglong Dai, Professor of Operations Management and Business Analytics at the Johns Hopkins Carey Business School. dai@jhu.edu, (410) 234-9415
- [3] Jagpreet Chhatwal, Associate Professor in Harvard Medical School and Massachusetts General Hospital, jagchhatwal@mgh.harvard.edu,(617) 724-4487