



# Algorithm-Driven Optimization for Sustainable Cytotoxic Drug Compounding in Healthcare

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# What is the issue?

Waste could be due to fixed vial sizes, product expiry, manufacturing issues, suboptimal preparatory work planning, patient cancellation.

## Awareness

Cytotoxic drug waste is a critical issue in pharmaceutical compounding

## Interest

NHS England chemotherapy waste calculator

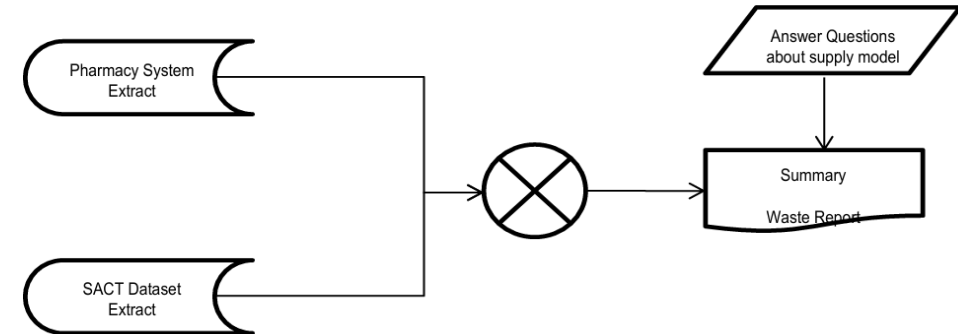
NCCS Excel-based POC

## Desire

Process optimisation, waste reduction

## Action

**An AI driven SMART calculator to perfect selection of drugs for robotic compounding with aim of zero production waste**

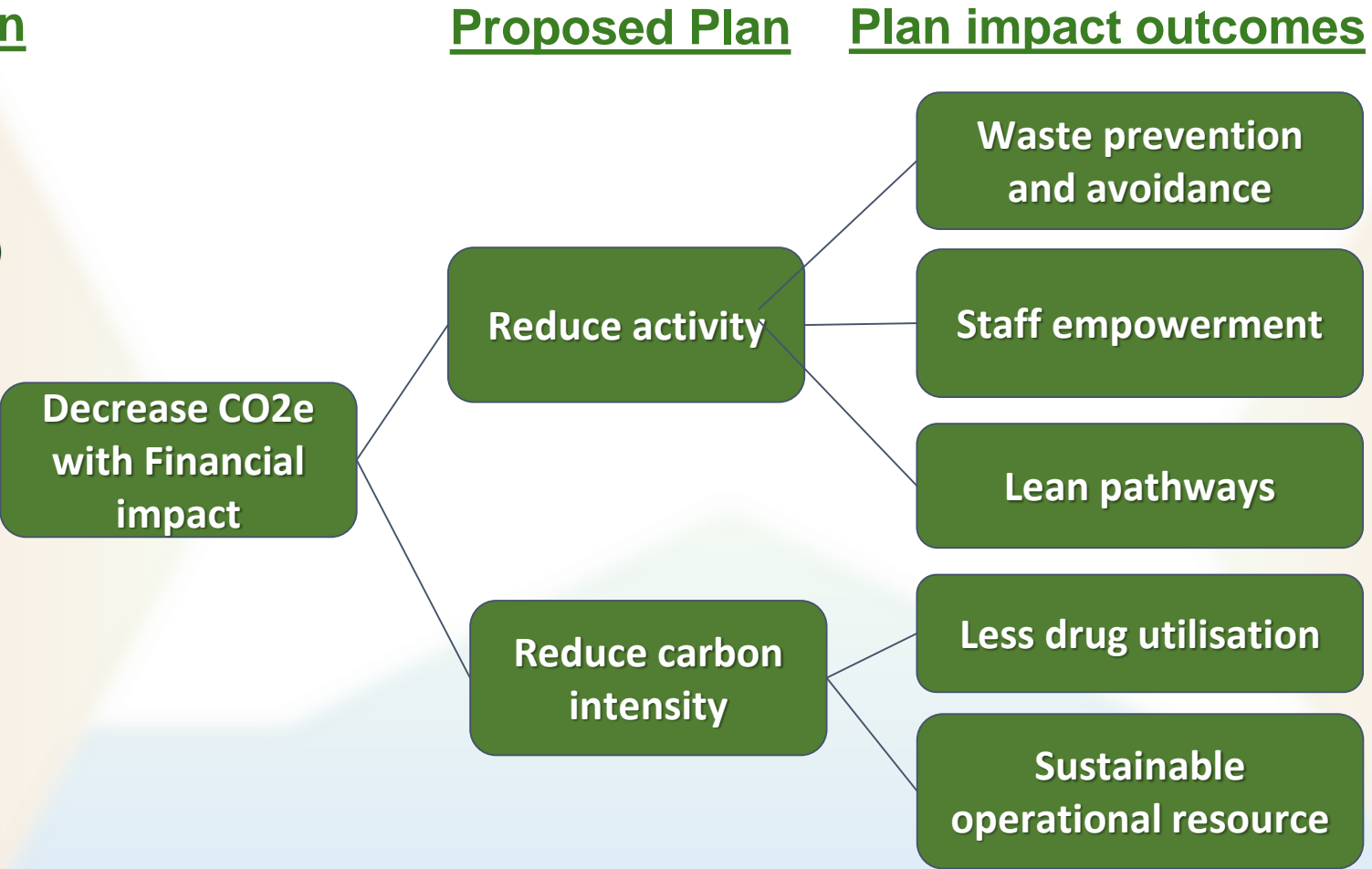


Over 9 months, POC calculator recorded a total of 2,216,431 mg of drug wastage, costing S\$ 2,047,949

# Defining the Solution ...

## Proposed Solution

AI algorithms **(SMART Calculator)** to perfect the selection of drug orders for robotic compounding based on the prescribed dosage, to reduce the amount of drug wastage due to unused portions in single/ multi-dose vials.



## Proposed Plan

## Plan impact outcomes

## Monitoring

**Dashboard** with **interactive real-time data visualization** – heatmaps and charts of total drug wastage plotted by time-period, reason, and drug; allows drilling into specific areas of the chart for detailed analysis.



Table 1A: Breakdown of the chemotherapy wastage for all 35 drugs (arranged in alphabetical order) in terms of amount (mg) and cost (\$) from June 2021 to February 2022 (9 months).

Drug	Total preparation counts		Total amount prescribed		Total amount available in the preparation phase <sup>c</sup>	Preparation phase (with vial-sharing)			Preparation phase (without vial-sharing)			Administration phase		
						Amount of wastage	Cost of wastage		Amount of wastage	Cost of wastage		Amount of potential wastage	Cost of potential wastage	
	n	%	mg	%	mg	mg	\$	%	mg	\$	%	mg	\$	%
<b>All drugs (n=35)</b>	<b>52,748</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>28,552,830</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>29,322,766</b>	<b>769,938</b>	<b>1,138,068.17</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>8,107,326</b>	<b>3,019,919.61</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>1,446,493</b>	<b>909,880.90</b>	<b>100.00</b>
Atezolizumab (Tecentriq) <sup>a</sup>	624	1.18	745,560	2.60	748,800	3,240	14,526.00	1.28	3,240	14,526.00	0.48	9,600	43,040.00	4.73
Bevacizumab (Avastin) <sup>a</sup>	1,918	3.64	870,907	3.05	880,400	9,494	67,166.51	5.90	7,743	236,966.51	7.85	24,685	174,646.38	19.19
Bleomycin <sup>b</sup>	140	0.27	2,973	0.01	3,375	402	1,394.45	0.12	432	1,498.41	0.05	196	679.90	0.07
Carboplatin <sup>b</sup>	4,329	8.21	1,289,093	4.51	1,341,900	52,807	3,628.43	0.32	1,065,757	73,229.35	2.42	63,639	4,372.70	0.48
Cetuximab (Erbix) <sup>a</sup>	434	0.82	221,197	0.77	226,200	5,003	7,035.72	0.62	7,203	10,129.58	0.34	9,700	13,641.11	1.50
Cisplatin <sup>b</sup>	2,077	3.94	150,031	0.53	159,800	9,769	3,593.87	0.32	102,269	37,624.62	1.25	8,244	3,032.96	0.33
Cyclophosphamide <sup>b</sup>	1,519	2.88	1,514,129	5.30	1,621,000	106,871	1,442.76	0.13	485,871	6,559.26	0.22	24,336	328.53	0.04
Dacarbazine <sup>b</sup>	51	0.10	31,909	0.11	34,800	2,891	664.93	0.06	3,491	802.93	0.03	608	139.84	0.02
Docetaxel <sup>b</sup>	1,369	2.60	126,427	0.44	143,680	17,253	11,819.59	1.04	92,933	63,665.12	2.11	3,233	2,214.80	0.24
Doxorubicin <sup>b</sup>	1,321	2.50	108,800	0.38	113,700	4,900	1,513.12	0.13	21,250	6,562.00	0.22	1,546	477.25	0.05
Eribulin (Halaven) <sup>b</sup>	387	0.73	670	0.00	744	74	48,243.00	4.24	110	71,643.00	2.37	30	19,695.00	2.16
Etoposide <sup>b</sup>	981	1.86	141,562	0.50	151,300	9,739	901.79	0.08	43,239	4,003.89	0.13	3,820	353.73	0.04
Fluorouracil <sup>b</sup>	3,561	6.75	9,802,327	34.33	9,869,000	66,673	273.36	0.02	1,226,673	5,029.36	0.17	495,480	2,031.47	0.22
Gemcitabine <sup>b</sup>	4,264	8.08	5,745,419	20.12	5,924,000	178,581	3,464.47	0.30	2,712,581	52,624.07	1.74	587,443	11,396.39	1.25
Ipilimumab (Yervoy) <sup>a</sup>	124	0.24	8,534	0.03	10,350	1,816	118,645.45	10.43	1,966	128,445.46	4.25	45	2,940.00	0.32
Irinotecan <sup>b</sup>	2,800	5.31	517,265	1.81	527,500	10,235	1,380.70	0.12	113,235	15,275.40	0.51	28,499	3,844.52	0.42
Liposomal doxorubicin (Caelyx) <sup>b</sup>	221	0.42	10,638	0.04	11,280	642	27,285.00	2.40	742	31,535.00	1.04	80	3,400.00	0.37
NAL-irinotecan <sup>b</sup>	53	0.10	4,743	0.02	5,547	804	12,340.47	1.08	1,019	15,640.47	0.52	151	2,317.67	0.25
Nivolumab (Opdivo) <sup>a</sup>	1,447	2.74	332,757	1.17	336,120	3,363	50,443.50	4.43	15,163	227,443.50	7.53	1,320	19,800.00	2.18
Oxaliplatin <sup>b</sup>	4,240	8.04	645,610	2.26	669,400	23,790	3,711.24	0.33	262,990	41,026.44	1.36	35,742	5,575.75	0.61
Paclitaxel <sup>b</sup>	6,125	11.61	757,288	2.65	791,700	34,412	3,510.00	0.31	1,089,212	111,099.60	3.68	41,626	4,245.85	0.47
Paclitaxel-NAB (Abraxane) <sup>b</sup>	1,341	2.54	204,662	0.72	215,000	10,338	46,521.00	4.09	56,338	253,521.00	8.39	2,267	10,201.50	1.12
Panitumumab (Vectibix) <sup>a</sup>	991	1.88	331,374	1.16	339,700	8,326	15,819.40	1.39	20,826	39,569.40	1.31	11,930	22,667.00	2.49
Pembrolizumab (Keytruda) <sup>a</sup>	2,397	4.54	442,843	1.55	444,600	1,757	86,093.00	7.56	1,857	90,993.00	3.01	7,020	343,980.00	37.80
Pemetrexed (Alimta) <sup>b</sup>	1,230	2.33	874,802	3.06	928,000	53,198	7,574.33	0.67	281,698	40,108.16	1.33	26,164	3,725.23	0.41

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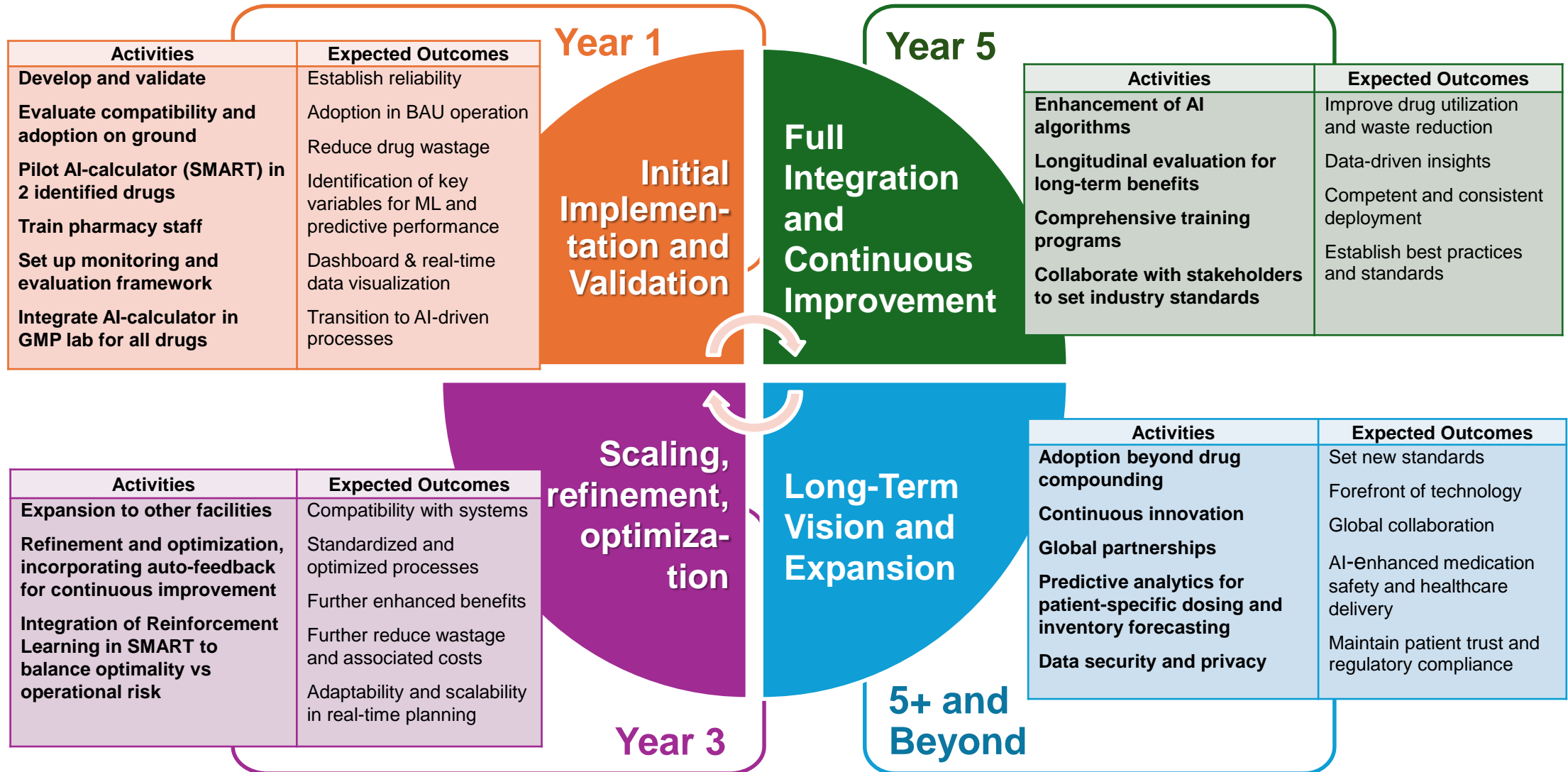
## Key benefits:

- **Positive environmental impact** –
  - Hazardous drug waste reduction of 31.4 kg CO<sub>2</sub>e/year [NCCS] -> 157.0 kg CO<sub>2</sub>e/year nationally
  - Pharmaceutical material waste reduction of 196.9 kg CO<sub>2</sub>e/year [NCCS] -> 492.3 kg CO<sub>2</sub>e/year nationally
- **Significant financial savings** of at least S\$5.24 million/year to NCCS
- Facility in full **compliance to GMP/USP Standards**
- **Greater staff empowerment and work satisfaction**

**Achieving triple bottom lines with no impact to clinical care and operation!**

# Longevity of Solution

Plan for Business-As-Usual (BAU) to be considered throughout life-cycle of proposed solution. Stakeholder engagement and communication, seamless transition, training and support, continuous monitoring and iterative improvement to deliver smart solution that is aligned with organizational goals.



# THANK YOU CHI, SIT & Coaches!

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