Optimal allocation of emergency medical resources in a mass casualty incident: patient prioritization by column generation

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Highlights

- We formulate a patient prioritization problem in mass casualty incidents (MCI);
- We take a column generation approach and develop a branch-and-price algorithm;
- Our algorithm produces solutions of acceptable quality quickly, important for MCI;
- Our formulation offers flexibility to incorporate diverse factors of real-world MCI