



SDP1: New strategies to overcome drug shortages

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Medikamenten-Versorgungsengpässe (Medicines Shortages) in der Schweiz

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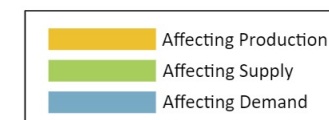
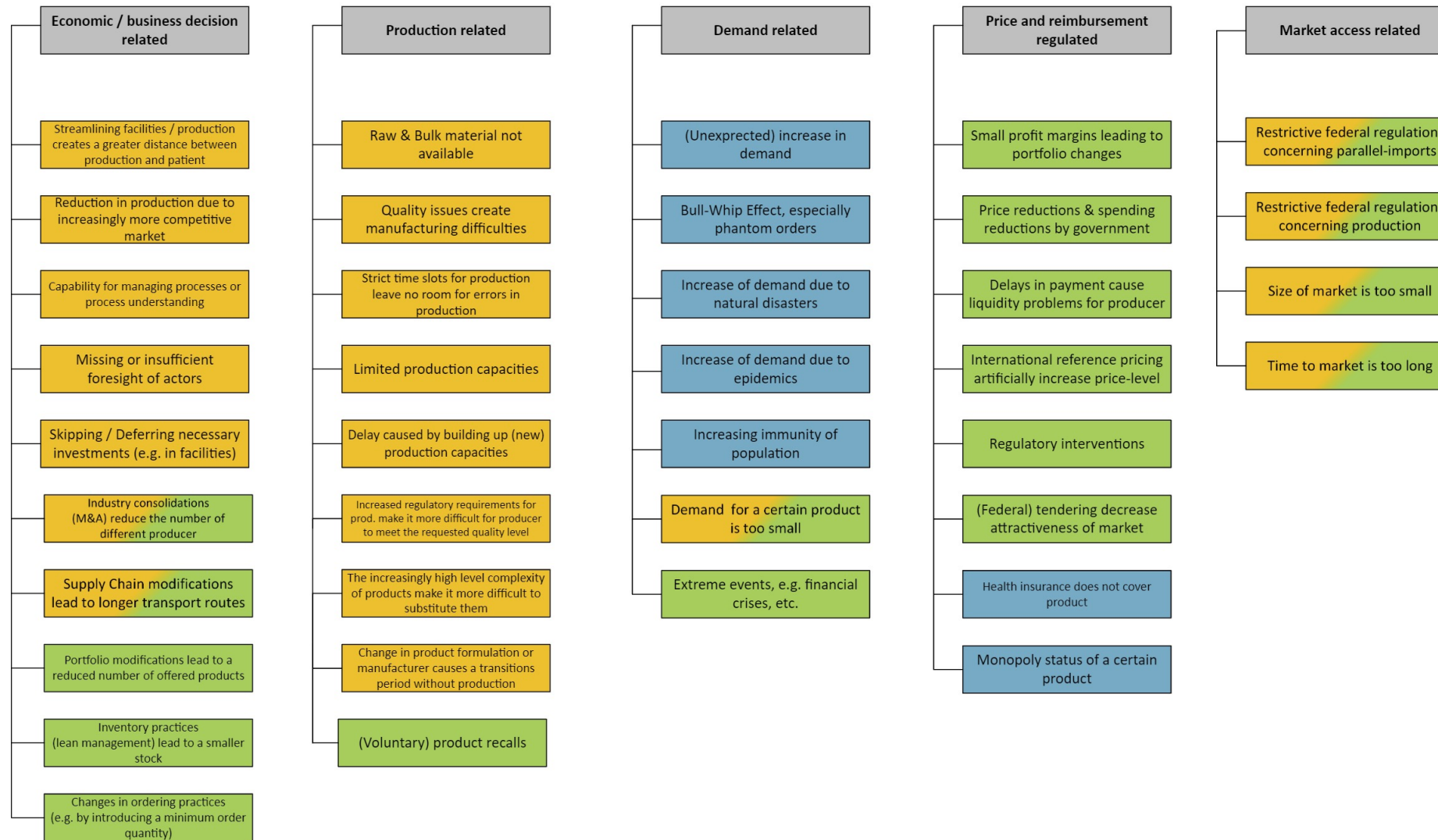
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Control of learning success

- ▶ Statement: One of the root causes (of shortages) are different (local) definitions of what a shortage situation constitutes. (true / false?)
- ▶ Statement: Simulation modeling is not an adequate methodology to address shortage situations (true / false ?)
- ▶ Statement: It is possible to avoid shortage situations in a sustainable way from the perspective of an individual position in the supply chain (true / false ?)

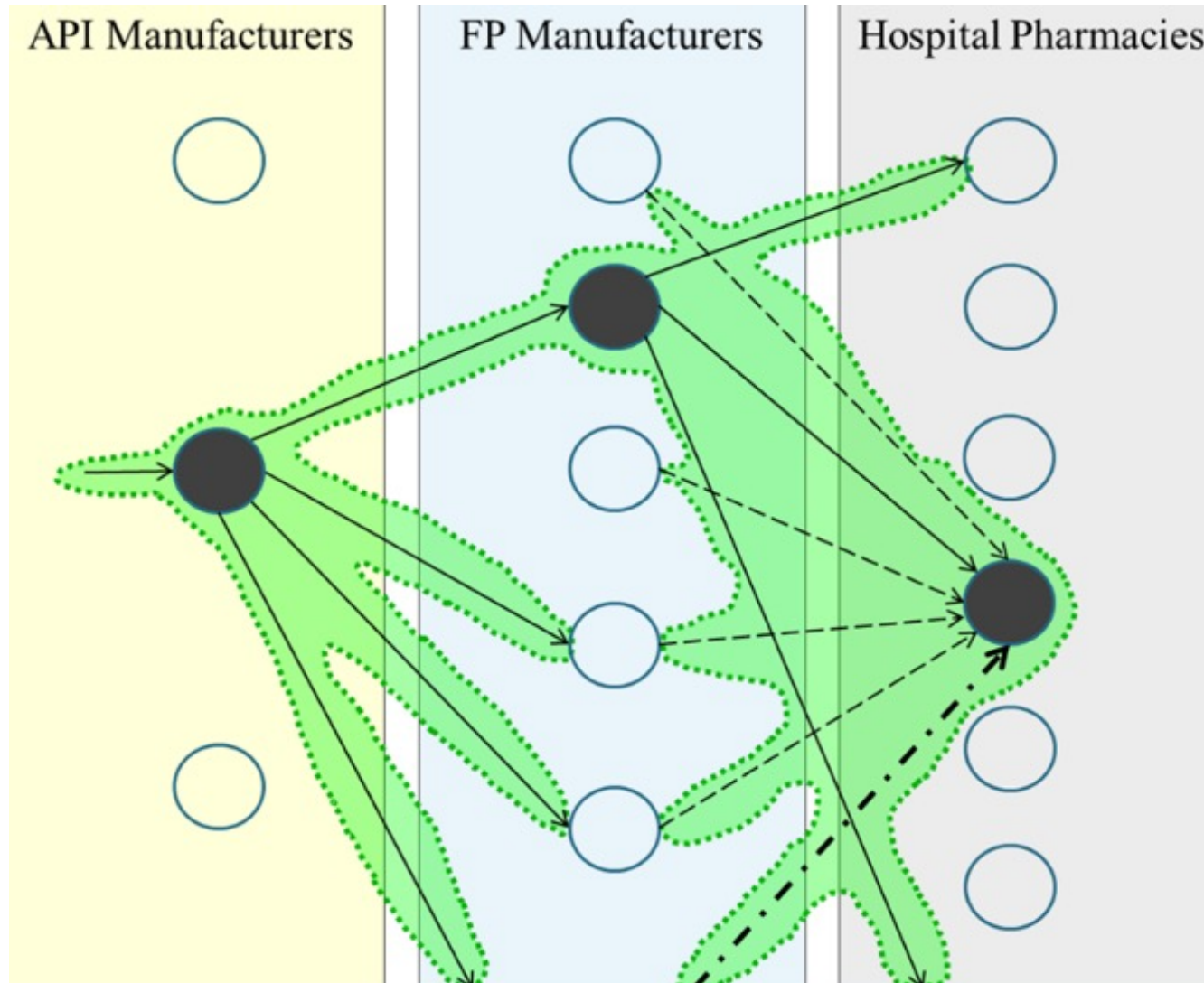
Causes for medicine shortages



Simulation Model purpose: OncoMedSCM

- ▶ OncoMedSCM is a **causal model** for the supply chain of essential consumer goods (medicine)
- ▶ The most common primary and secondary causes of oncology drug shortages were derived from the literature.
- ▶ A structural overview of the supply chain consisting of three stages of raw materials (API) and finished products (FP) to a hospital pharmacy (HP).
- ▶ Due to the unavailability of large amounts of data, there was no traditional reference mode available, the validation of the structural model provided the necessary confidence in the validity of the model, which can show eleven primary causes and eight secondary causes of bottlenecks (scenario or policy variables).
- ▶ Access to the research paper: <https://www.springerprofessional.de/resilience-as-basis-for-sustainability-shortages-in-production-s/16079080>

Assumptions in our model/Boundary



- Manufacturer of hospital pharmacy with market access to country/area of interest
- Modelled manufacturer or hospital pharmacy
- 👉 Model boundary
- Supply of physical goods produced by modelled manufacturer
- > Supply of goods produced by any other manufacturer in the given market segment
- ➤ Supply of goods through parallel trade

Conclusions / Take Home Messages

- ▶ A sound simulation model of **essential supply chain dynamics** exist and can demonstrate major causes of shortages.
- ▶ What is needed are **additional real time series data** about the medicine production and supply aspects in the system.
- ▶ Better **access to ERP systems** of corporations.
- ▶ The subsequent evaluation should include the comparison and sensitivity analysis of all 11 primary and 8 secondary causes of bottlenecks.
- ▶ **Focus** to determine **leverage points** or identifying model segments that are most critical to security of supply.

