Location and Allocation of Mobile Medical Units Using a Tabu Search Heuristic

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We propose a mathematical model for optimal location of a fleet of mobile medical units that provide first aid in an emergency scene. The model also considers the allocation of ambulances and medical personnel first to the units and then to transporting those in need of further assistance to a set of hospitals. The proposed model is assessed using a meta-heuristic based on tabu search approach.