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CAPITAL INVESTMENT ANALYSIS MAKING INVESTMENT DECISIONS IN HEALTH CARE SECTOR

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Abstract: Capital investment decisions involve large monetary investments expected to achieve long-term benefits for an organization. A capital investment decision has two components: determining if the investment is worth undertaking and determining how to finance the investment. These two decisions are interrelated but should be considered separately. Due to this fact, the seminar will focus on determining whether a capital investment should be undertaken. The aim of the seminar is to present some issues concerning the objectives of capital investment analysis and the techniques used to analyze it. An investment decision involves many factors and financial techniques. Those techniques are most commonly grouped into simple methods and those that include the change in the value of money over time. The seminar will be based on three commonly used financial techniques applied in healthcare organizations: payback method, net present value and internal rate of return method. Additionally, there will be also presented the Earned Value method as a tool for monitoring the course of the capital investment project. All the discussed methods will be supported by the examples embedded in the realities of making investment decisions in the healthcare sector.

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