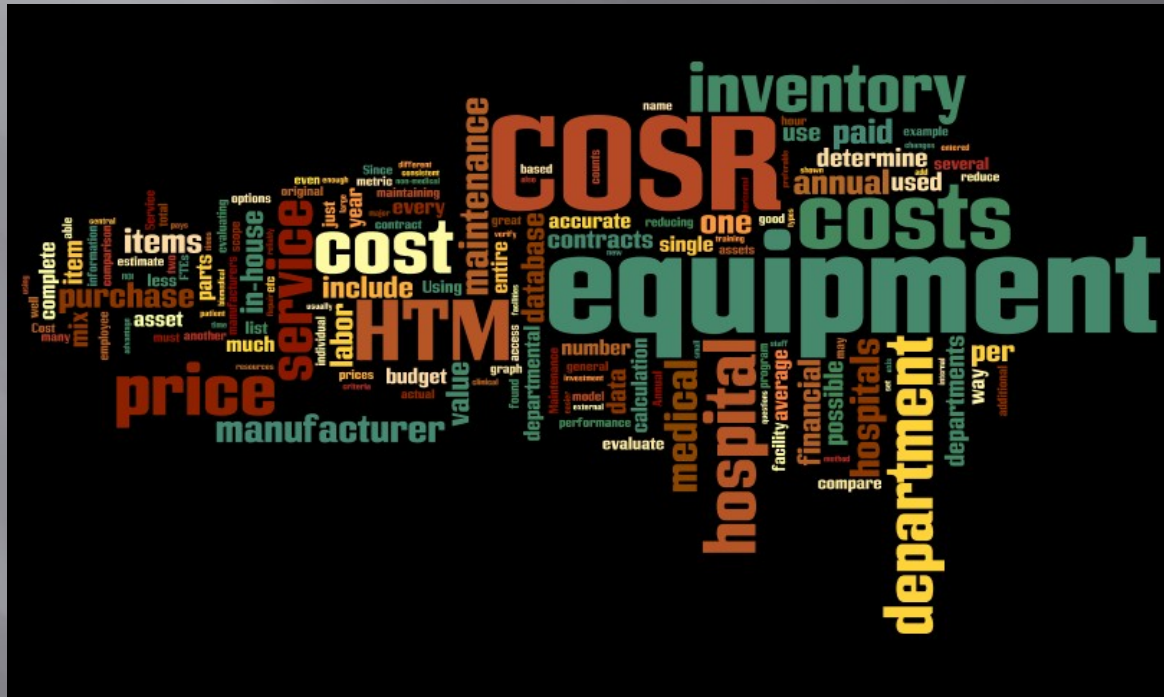


# COSR AS A MAJOR METRIC FOR HTM



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# Who am I?

- CBET, CCE, CPHIMS, CHTS-PW, fACCE
- 35 years in Biomed
- Managed large In-house, ISO and corporate Biomed
- **Active in certification of BMETs and CEs**
- 1<sup>st</sup> Pres of NCBA (North Carolina branch) - 1980
- President, HTMA-SC
- Member of all Biomed Associations (honorary NC and KY)
- Board Member – META and FMESA
- Advisor – OH, KY, TN, UT, VA, NC
- Trainer – Engineering World Health (Rwanda, Honduras)
- Trainer – ACCE (Cuba)
- Chief Clinical Engineer - Heineman Medical Foundation (Guatemala)
- **Currently, works for GMI is sales development, who sponsors my activities.**

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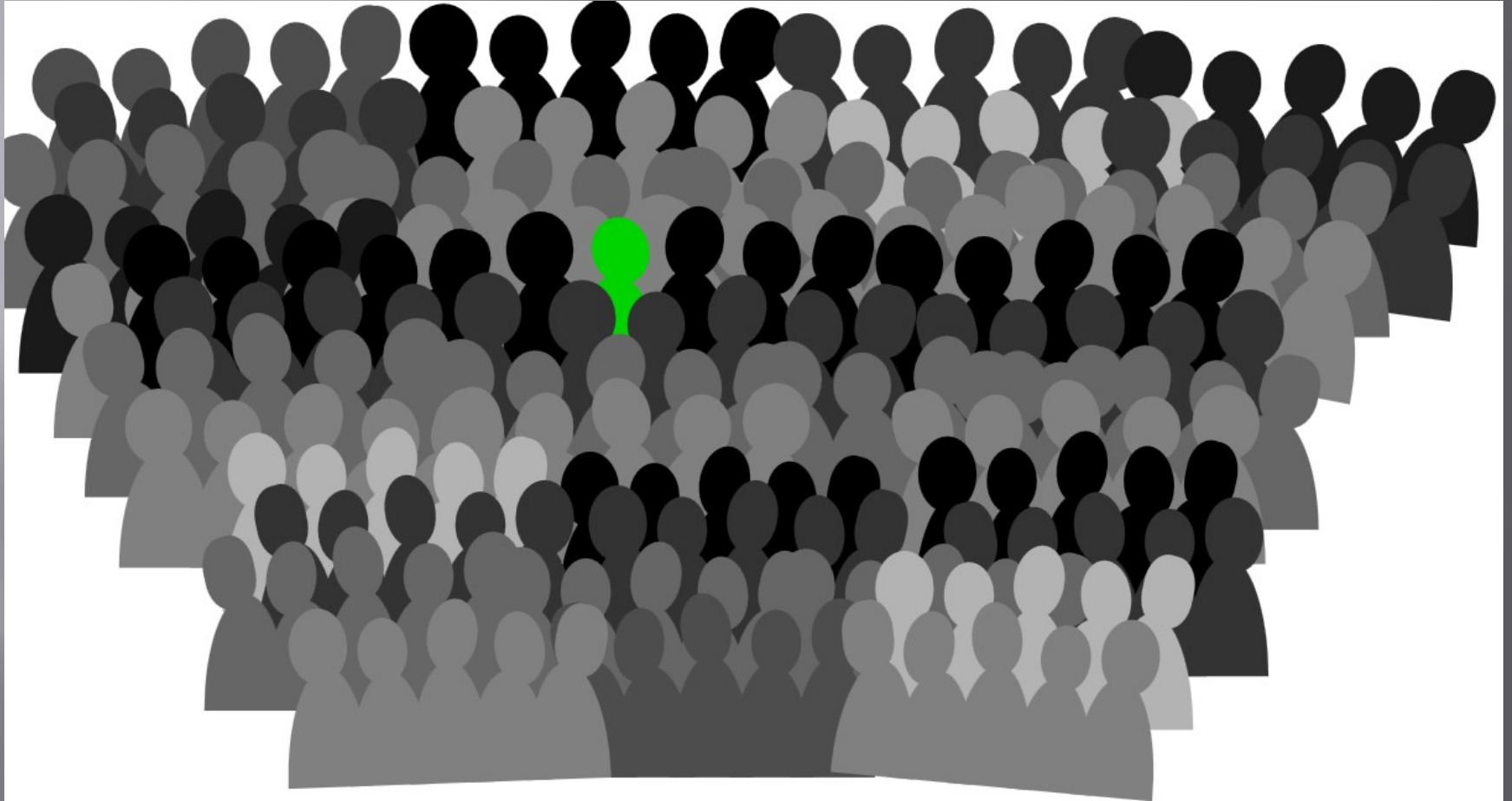


# MEASURING THE COST OF SERVICE

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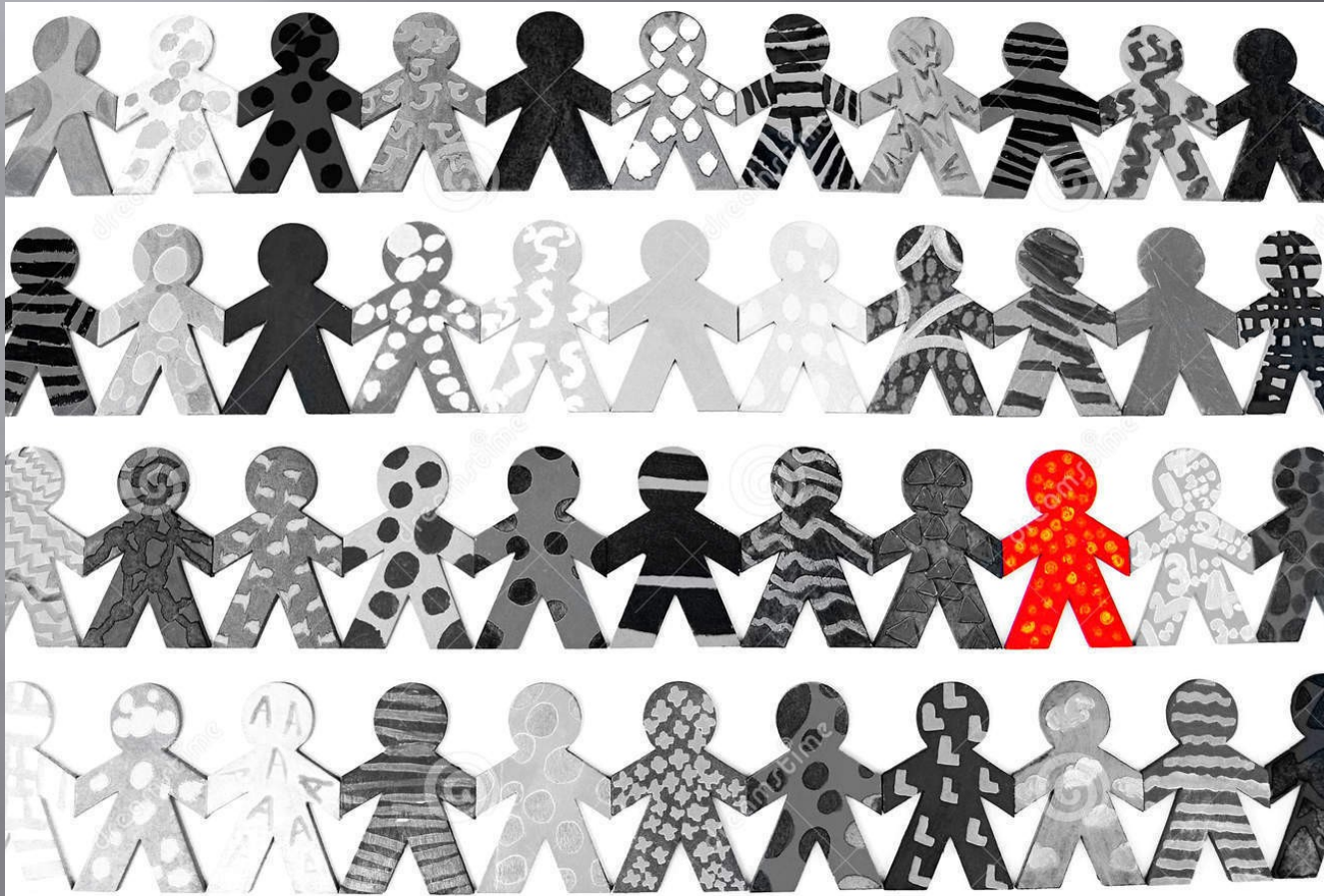
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# Where am I relative to others?





# But everyone is different!



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# Why compare yourself to others?

- Where do I rank?
- Who is doing it better?
- How can I be better?
- What does 'BETTER' mean?
- Where should I place my scarce resources?
- Prove to Administration that we have value.
  - Staffing
  - Job Security
  - Pay

# Benchmarking

- Customer Satisfaction
- Regulatory Compliance
- Cost

# What to measure

- # of Beds
- # of Surgeries
- # of Radiology Rooms
- # of ICU Beds (or NICU Beds)
- # of monitored beds
- # of medical devices
- Adjusted Discharges
- Value of Equipment
- Cost of Operations
- Uptime



# Problems with Benchmarking

A word cloud of benchmarking problems. The words are arranged in a roughly circular pattern, with some words being larger and more prominent than others. The colors of the words are varied, including shades of blue, green, red, orange, and yellow.

Union  
ServiceContracts  
DataAvailability  
IncompleteData  
DifferentCMMSDatabases  
InconsistentRecordkeeping  
AccountingPractices  
Outsourced  
SizeOfFacility  
ScopeOfServices  
In-house  
Location

# Traditional Benchmarking calculations:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^{N/2} (2 * \text{MidPoint}(i)) &= \sum_{i=1}^{N/2} 2 * (i + \frac{N}{4}) \\ &= 2 \sum_{i=1}^{N/2} i + 2 * \frac{N}{2} * \frac{N}{4} = 2 \frac{(\frac{N}{2})(\frac{N}{2} + 1)}{2} + (\frac{N^2}{4}) \\ &= \frac{N^2}{4} + \frac{N}{2} + \frac{N^2}{4} = \frac{N^2}{2} + \frac{N}{2} = \frac{N^2 + N}{2} \\ &= \frac{N(N+1)}{2} \equiv \sum_{i=1}^N i \quad \text{Q.E.D.} \end{aligned}$$

# Things Biomed Do



A word cloud of biomedical terms arranged in a heart shape. The words are in various colors and sizes, with some appearing more frequently than others. The terms include:

- Monitors
- XRay
- HomeHealth
- Portables
- Beds
- Committees
- FaxMachines
- Stretchers
- HeartLung
- OpenHeartLaboratory
- SpecialProcedures
- Lasers
- DentalInstruments
- PulseOximetry
- MultipleHospitals
- NurseCall
- Ultrasound
- AutomatedAnalyzer
- Centrifuge
- CentralGas
- PulmonaryFunction
- Microscopes
- Contracts
- Injectors
- Outsourced
- InfusionPumps
- IT
- Telemetry
- CathLab
- CT
- Anesthesia
- NICU
- CR
- SafetyTesting
- LaserPrinters
- BloodGas
- Dialysis
- Defibrillators
- Incubators
- Ventilators
- OnCall
- MRI
- General
- RiskBased
- Clinics

## 2 Commercially Available Solutions

- AAMI
- ECRI Institute

# The Main Problems

1. We are all different.
2. We ask for information that does not exist.
3. We haven't decided what metrics matter.
4. We haven't decided what is the definition of:
  - Unacceptable
  - Poor
  - Adequate
  - Good
  - Excellent

# Problems:

- Not mandatory
- Extensive data entry requirements
- Small number of hospitals match your demographics
- Difficulty in contacting matches



**Let's look at the hospital in  
a different way:**



Think of every  
item of  
equipment as a  
sponge.

The size of the  
sponge represents  
the cost of the  
item.





Portables



Linear  
Accelerator



Mammo



Ultrasound



R&F



MRI



CT  
Scanners



Cath Lab



PACS



CR / DR



Your world in Imaging . . .



The amount of water the sponge holds represents the annual cost of maintaining the item.

# CT Scanners



Our job:  
Squeeze the  
excess water  
(dollars) out of  
the sponges.





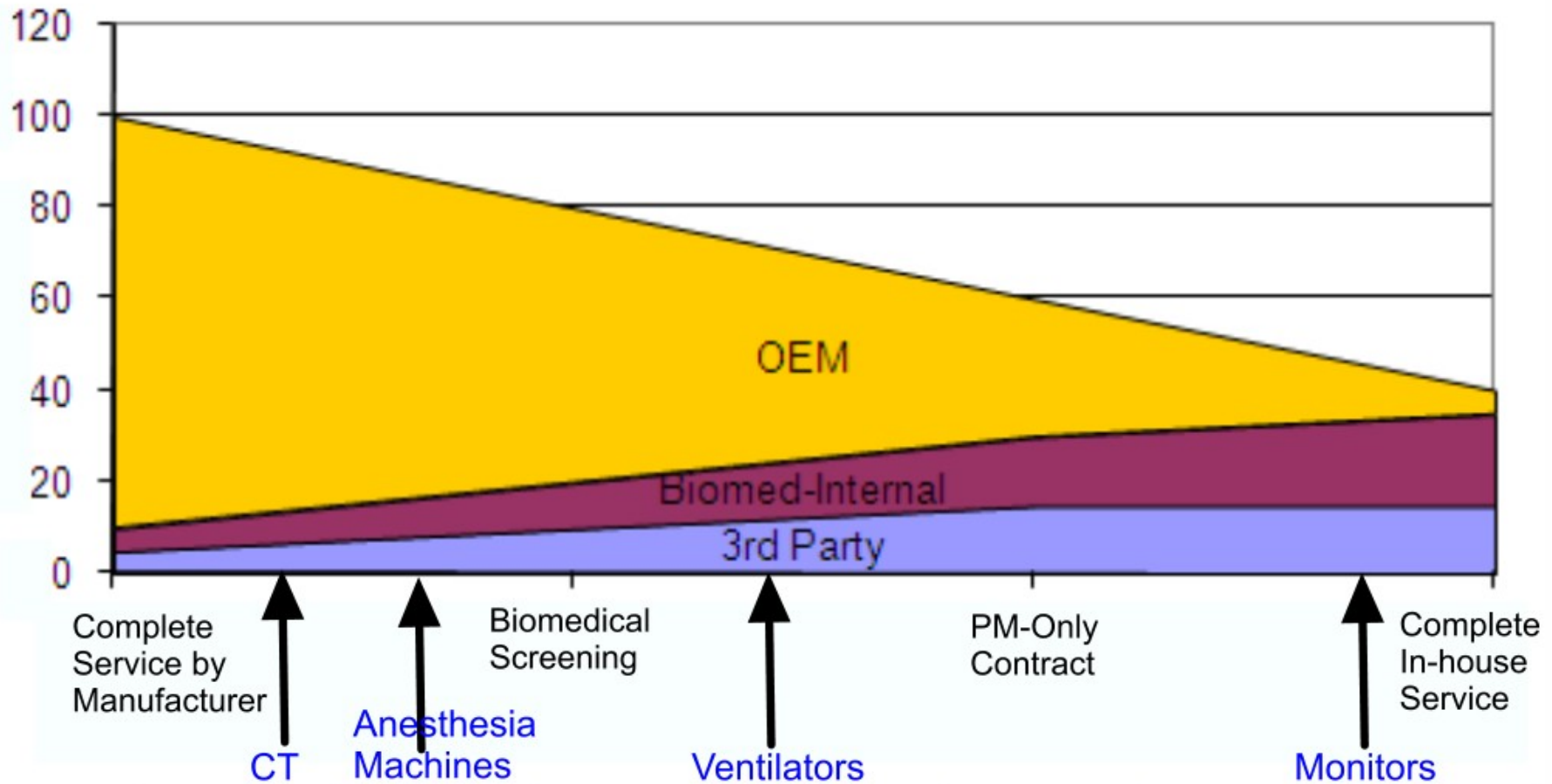
# General Equipment



# Phenomenom

- Annual cost of service is proportional to the purchase price
- Amazingly consistent throughout the economy
- Look at Extended Warranties for Office Products (Best Buy, Office Depot, etc.)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> year warranty = 10% to 25% of purchase price
- The same with Medical Devices.

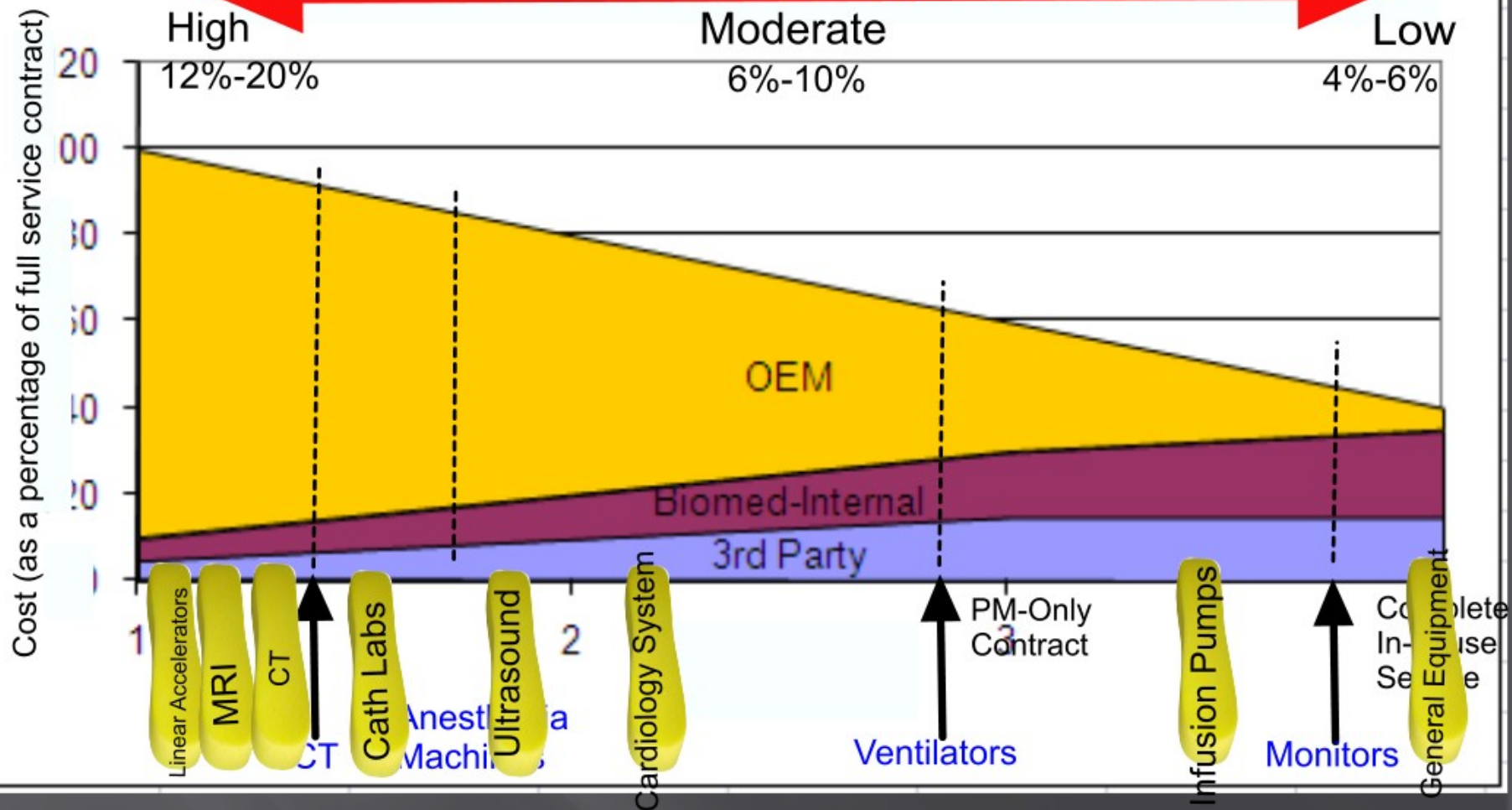
For each type of medical equipment, plot your mix of service providers on this graph (along the bottom axis)



Graph 2

Annual Spend on Medical Equipment Service

Cost of Service Ratio - COSR

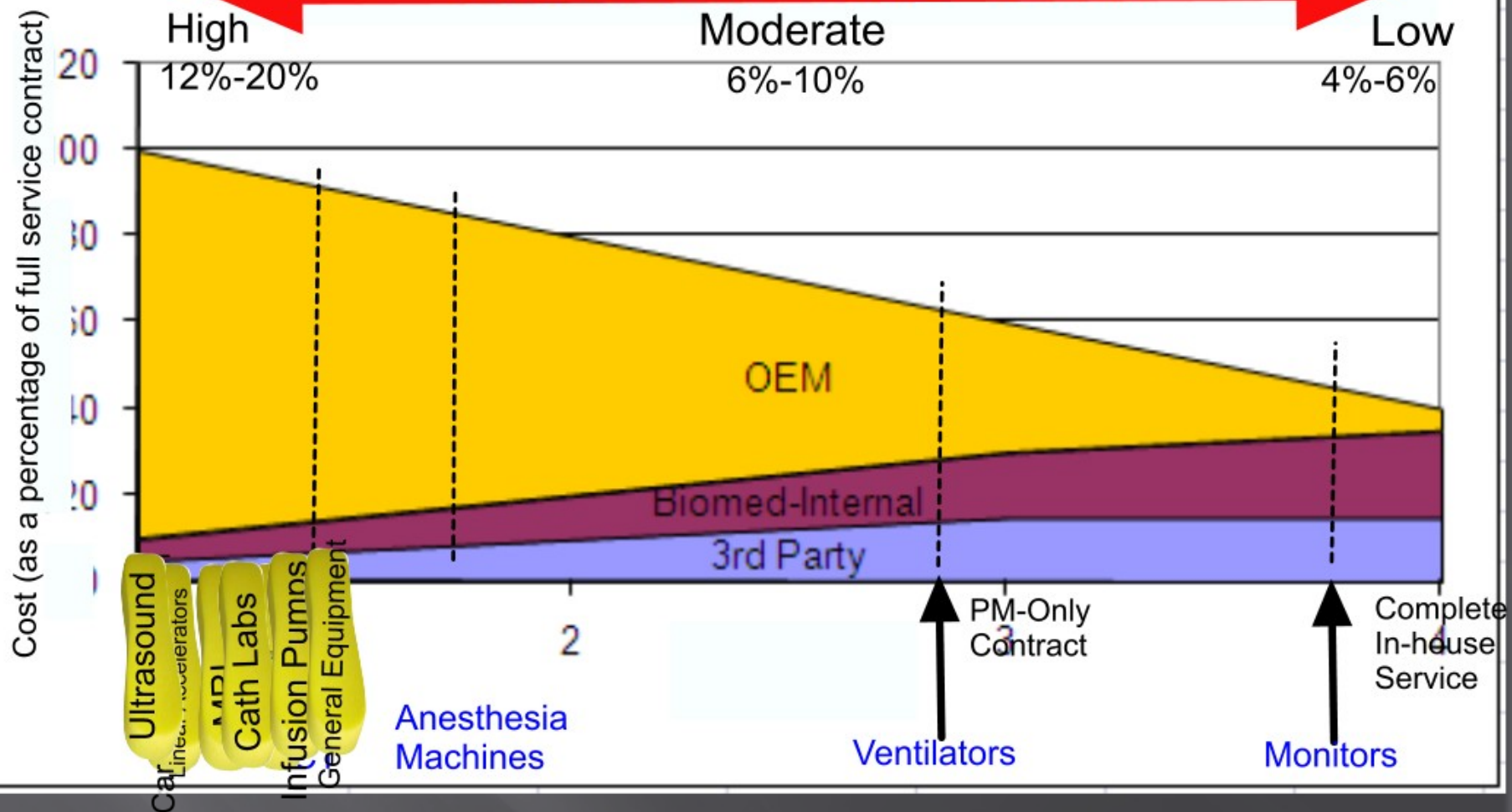




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Annual Spend on Medical Equipment Service

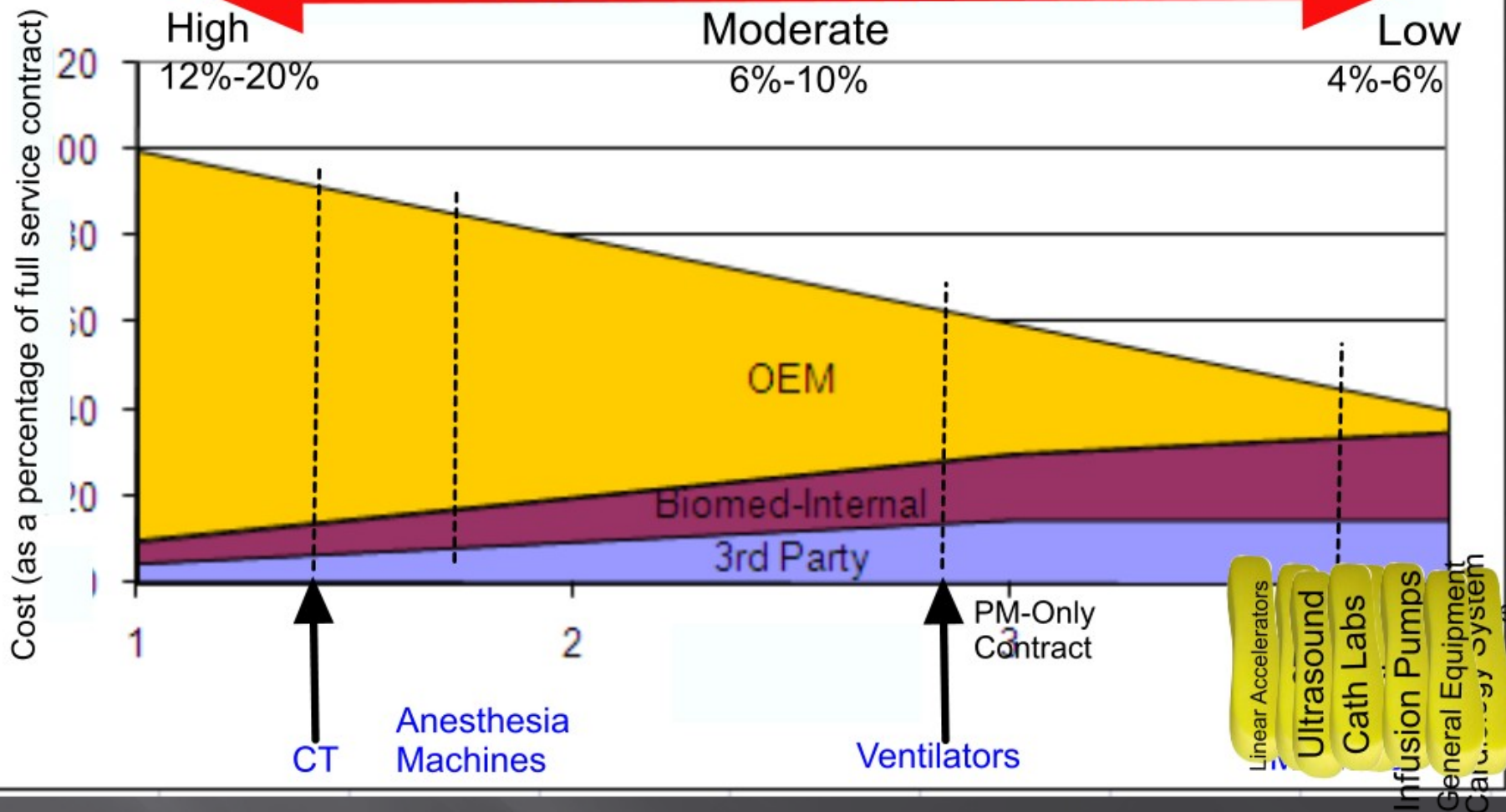
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Graph 2

Annual Spend on Medical Equipment Service

Cost of Service Ratio - COSR





A Single metric to compare any  
hospital, system or clinic

Cost  
Of  
Service  
Ratio

# SERVICE VALUE RATIO

$$\text{COSR} = \frac{\text{Original Cost of Equipment}}{\text{Annual cost of all Maintenance}} = \text{---} \%$$

Annual Cost of  
Maintenance

= Contract costs  
Parts in excess of contract  
In-house labor provided  
All repair parts  
Fee-for-service labor purchased

} For: all repairs  
all scheduled maintenance  
all operation errors

Equipment Price = Manufacturer's List Price for equipment and standard warranty.  
Does NOT include training, extended warranty, etc.

# COSR IN ACTION FOR A SINGLE ITEM

Cost of CT Scanner - \$1,000,000

Annual Service Contract - \$150,000

$$\text{COSR} = \$150,000 / \$1,000,000 = 15\%$$

# COSR IN ACTION FOR A SINGLE DEPARTMENT

Cost of Equipment in Central Supply -  
\$290,000

Annual cost of Maintenance - \$20,000

$$\text{COSR} = \$20,000 / \$290,000 = 6.90\%$$

# COSR IN ACTION FOR A SINGLE CONTRACT

Cost of Anesthesia Machines =  
\$3,600,000

Cost of Annual Service Contract =  
\$432,000

$\text{COSR} = \$432,000 / \$3,600,000 = 12\%$

# COSR IN ACTION FOR A SINGLE VENDOR

Cost of Equipment (Patient Beds) =  
\$12,000,000

Annual costs from HillRom  
(contract + PM + parts) = \$2,220,000

$\text{COSR} = \$2,200,000 / \$12,000,000 = 18.5\%$



# COSR IN ACTION FOR A SINGLE TYPE OF EQUIPMENT

Cost of all Infusion Pumps =  
\$2,400,000

Annual sum of Maintenance costs =  
\$264,000

$\text{COSR} = \$264,000 / \$2,400,000 = 11\%$

# COSR IN ACTION FOR A SINGLE HOSPITAL

Cost of Equipment = \$6,000,000

Annual Biomedical Budget = \$369,000

$\text{COSR} = \$369,000 / \$6,000,000 = 6.15\%$

# COSR IN ACTION FOR A HOSPITAL SYSTEM

Cost of Equipment = \$113,000,000

Annual Biomedical Budget =  
\$5,200,000

$\text{COSR} = \$5,200,000 / \$113,000,000 = 5.13\%$

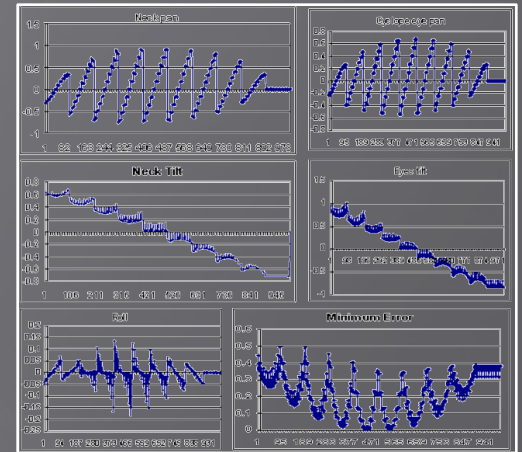
# COSR IN ACTION FOR AN ENTIRE SERVICE COMPANY

Cost of all equipment =  
\$28,000,000,000.

Annual sum of Maintenance costs =  
\$1,260,000,000.

$$\text{COSR} = \$1.24\text{b} / 28\text{b} = 4.5\%$$

# Results

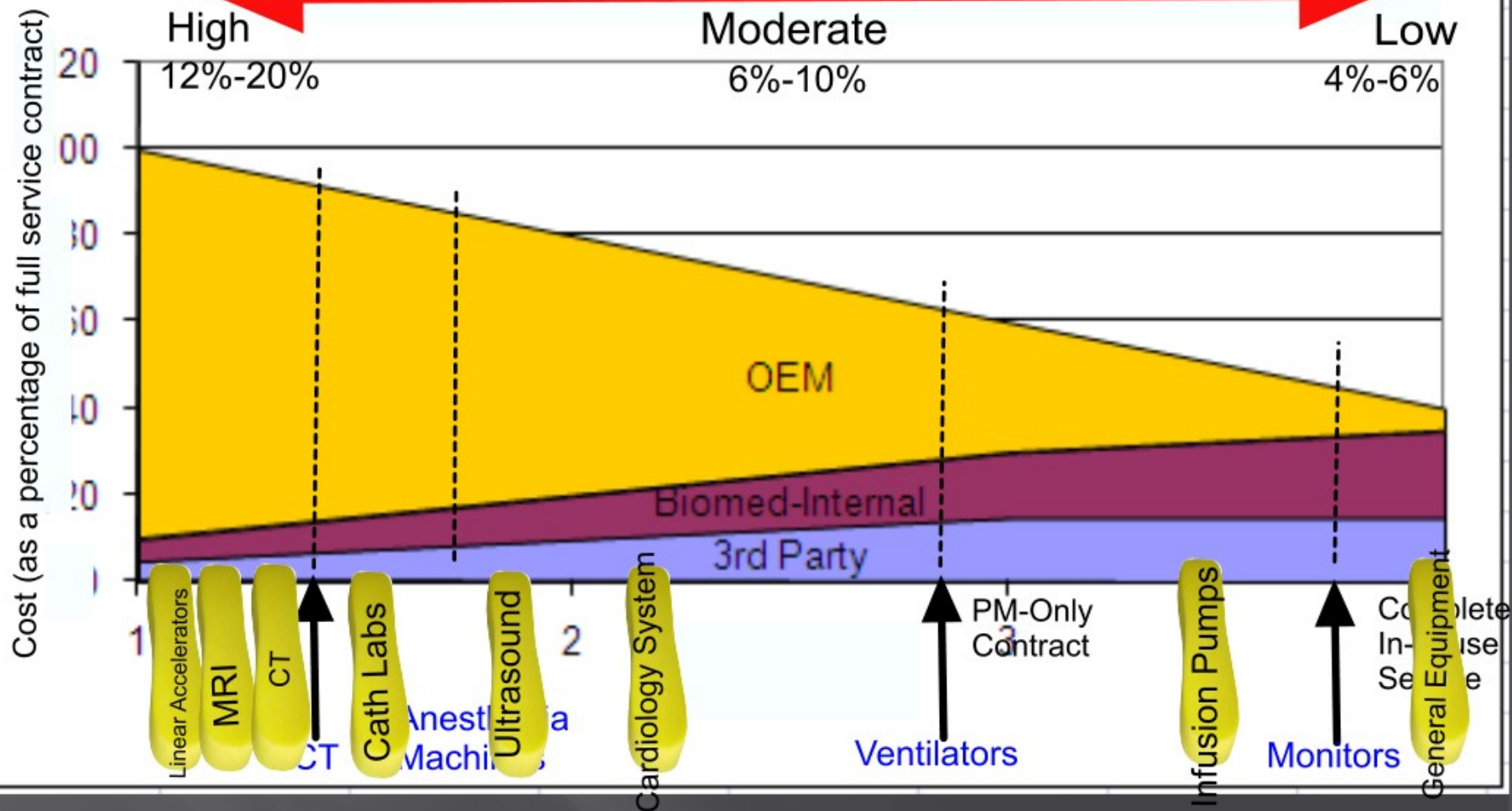


- 12% - 20% - Manufacturer Contract
- 9% - 15% - 3rd Party Contract
- 4% - 8% - Hospital-based programs

Graph 2

Annual Spend on Medical Equipment Service

Cost of Service Ratio - COSR





# COSR Works for . . . .

- Any size facility (or facilities)
- Simple or complex operations
- Any scope of services
- Any geography
- Contract or in-house
- In-house or outsourced

# The Main Problems Answered

1. We are all different. Use Metric that adjusts for variables. Bottom line is \$\$\$\$\$.
2. We ask for information that does not exist. Use a Metric that uses FEW, easily accessible numbers.
3. We haven't decided what metrics matter. Always \$\$\$\$\$\$ \$\$\$\$\$\$
4. We haven't decided what is the definition of:

Unacceptable	SVR greater than 15%
Poor	SVR greater than 12%
Adequate	SVR less than 12%
Good	SVR less than 8%
Excellent	SVR less than 6%

# Disadvantages



- Examines only costs
- Simplicity may cause it to be rejected by some
- Does not include Value-Added Services

# How do I do it?

- Simple - Two Numbers to determine.
  - Original cost of your equipment
  - What it costs per year to maintain your equipment.

# Original Equipment Cost

- Most CMMS do not have it for all equipment.
- No time to research it.
- No way to locate the original cost.
- So . . . . .

# Apply a simple technique

- Take total number of items in your inventory.
- Multiply by \$12,000.
- The resulting number is within 4% of your total equipment value.



# Annual Cost of Maintenance

- If you have a consolidated budget (meaning you pay for all maintenance and all parts and all contracts) from one budget, it is simple.
- If not, you have to collect those numbers from wherever they reside.

# COSR

- Then do one calculation. If your COSR is

<5%      Excellent

5%-7%      You've got opportunities

>7%      Get it down or risk outsourcing

**Simple – now go do it!**

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# QUESTION & ANSWER

