

## ANALYSIS AND CONTROL OF PHYSIOLOGICALLY STRUCTURED MODELS WITH NONLOCAL DIFFUSION

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**Abstract.** In the first part of this paper, a non-autonomous physiologically structured model with nonlocal diffusion is developed. Using the semigroup generated by the diffusion operator and characteristic method, the problem is reformulated as a fixed point problem in a suitable Banach space. We give conditions under which the model admits a unique positive solution. In the second part of this work, we give an application of the study done in the first part. We consider an optimal control problem. The optimal strategies are discussed using normal cone and dual techniques.

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