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# Preconference Introduction to GIS in Health and Human Services

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# Welcome

and

# ...thanks for coming!

- Who is ESRI?
- Who are you?
- What does GIS do?
- What's happening in the days ahead?

**Join us this evening at the**

# **Welcome Social**

**5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

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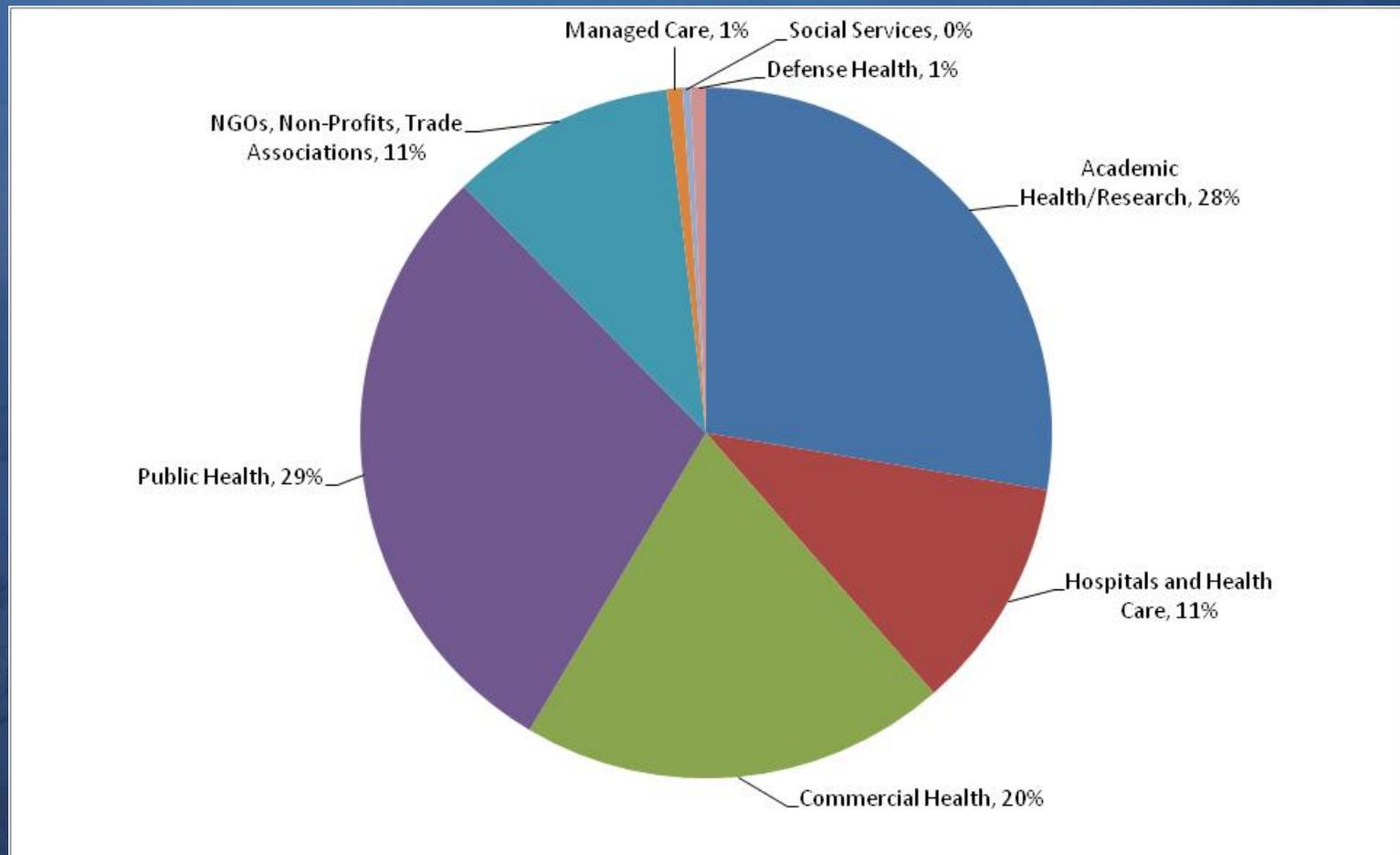
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# Who is ESRI?

- Headquarters in Redlands, CA
- 4,000+ employees around the world
- 12 US Offices
- 85 International Offices
- 1 million+ Users
- Founded in 1969
- Privately Held
- CEO – Jack Dangermond

# Who are you?

You are here from 21 countries and many different types of organizations!



# What is Health GIS?

*The creation of intelligence relevant to the diagnosis, treatment, remediation of human disease.*

*A process by which data, relevant to human health, is digitally integrated, spatially enabled, analyzed, and communicated.*

# Why is GIS important to Health and Human Services?

1. Integrates data
2. Improves accuracy
3. Accelerates understanding
4. Increases value
5. Compels action



# GIS: provides the context for understanding population health

*...Modeling the Physical, Social and Cultural Knowledge of our World*

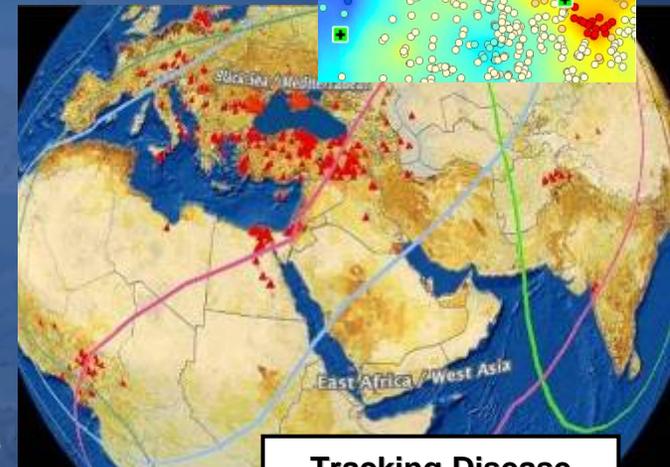
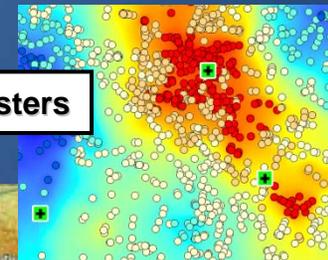
## Providing

- Systematic Knowledge
- An Integrated Framework
- Analytic Methods
- Intuitive Visualization



*The Thematic Layers*

Mapping Disease Clusters



Tracking Disease

*... Creating Analytical Frameworks*  
*... Defining Interconnections and Interdependence*  
*... Providing a Broad Understanding of Natural and Human Ecology*

# Geography is medical destiny\*

**2 + 2 = 5**

- Where you live affects:
  - Your access to health and social resources
  - The likeliness of receiving a correct diagnosis
  - Experiencing successful medical outcomes
  - Ability to receive affordable and timely care
  - Your risk of hazardous environmental exposures
  
- Improving the quality of geographical data improves medical intelligence:
  - Physicians and patients have “new” information
  - Healthcare providers better understand disease dynamics
  - Personal healthcare seeking is improved
  - Health policy is more sound and accountable

\* *John Wendberg, M.D., Dartmouth College, USA*

# Why care about global health?

- **Health is fundamentally organic – it has no solid or static state.**  
It ebbs and flows in unpredictable ways within individuals, communities, and nations.
- **Health can easily change as the result of interventions.**  
The more we understand about health the more likely we can act to alter negative outcomes.
- **Health responds to “vectors” such as people, germs, animals, and environments.**  
Each “vector” introduces agents capable of broad geographical re-distribution.
- **Competition over the deployment of scarce health resources will limit what level of health is actually attainable by anyone.**

# So why is GIS unique in shaping global health?

- GIS is not a political science. It does not care about the underlying reasons why things exist, persist, or alter.
- GIS is a way of understanding non-traditional interactions by integrating various measurements taken from the environment, humans, plants, and animals and all their activity.
- GIS strengthens the body of collective knowledge about individual health status by creating evidence of its connection to the environment.
- GIS provides the “connectivity” required to understand the geographical scope of global health - from the smallest of villages to the largest of urban spaces.

# GIS Contributes to Global Public Health through Worldwide Distribution of Specialized ESRI Applications

- **HealthMapper – World Health Organization**
  - 10,000 distributed since 1993
- **EpiMap – United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)**
  - 1,000,000 distributed since 1996
- **SigEpi – Pan American Health Organization (PAHO)**
  - 5,000 distributed since 1998

# ESRI Global Health Footprint

- 93 National Health Ministries
- 100% of all US State Health Departments
- 800+ Local Health Agencies (cities and counties)
- Major Governmental, UN Agencies & Affiliates  
(WHO, PAHO,FAO)
- Major NGOs — (Red Cross, Pacific Disaster Center)
- 200+ Hospitals & Major Medical Centers in US
- 85% of European Union Member Nations
- All accredited US Schools of Public Health use GIS

# National Health Ministries using ESRI GIS

Angola  
Argentina  
Armenia  
Australia  
Austria  
Bangladesh  
Belgium  
Belize  
Bolivia  
Botswana  
Bulgaria  
Brazil  
Cambodia  
Canada  
China  
Colombia  
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Taiwan  
Tanzania  
Thailand  
Tunisia  
Uganda  
United Kingdom  
United States  
Uruguay  
Vietnam  
Yemen  
Zambia  
Zimbabwe

# Who is the ESRI Health Team?



# How to get involved ...

- HealthyGIS Newsletter
- Health & Human Services User Group (HUG)
- ESRI User Conference (San Diego)
- **ESRI Health GIS Conference**
- [www.esri.com/health](http://www.esri.com/health)



# Health & Human Services User Group

[www.esri.com/jointhehug](http://www.esri.com/jointhehug)

- *Take this opportunity to network with a global group of health and GIS professionals who use ESRI technology for health related applications*
- *HUG is open to individuals who work for health related organizations using GIS (ESRI software)*
- *Currently has 900+ members worldwide*
- *Join by using the on-line registration form*

# HUG Meeting and Social

Tuesday, September 30

5:15 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

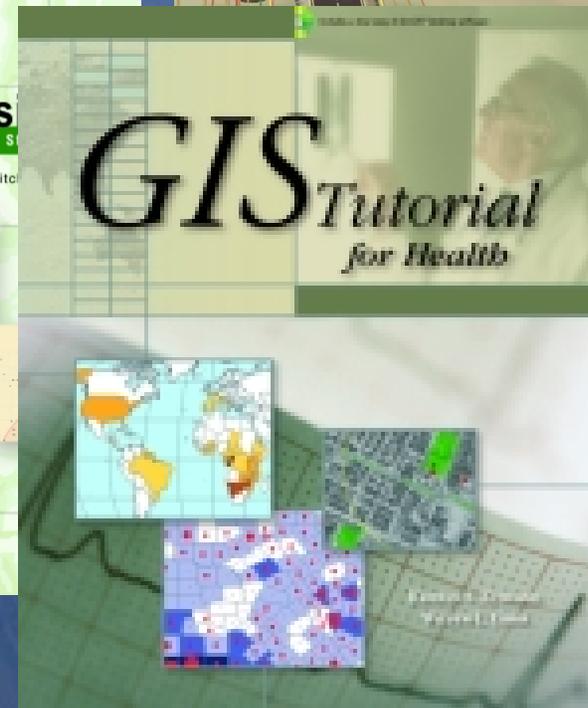
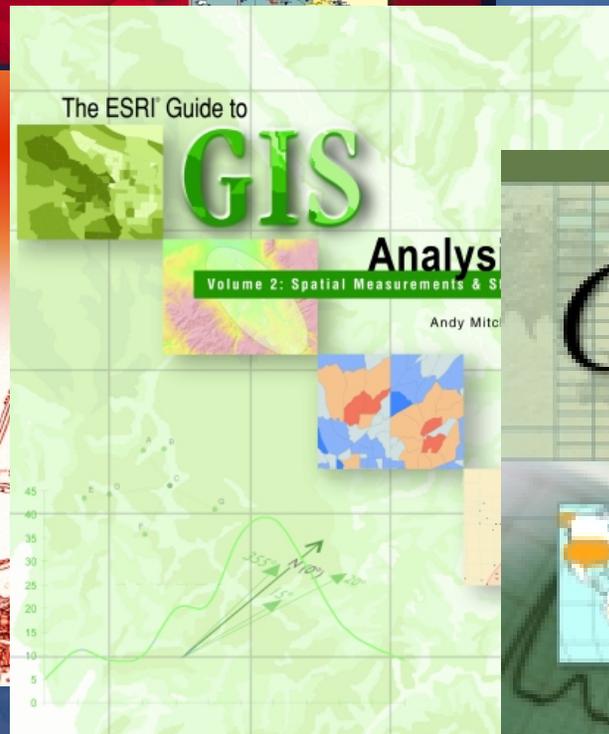
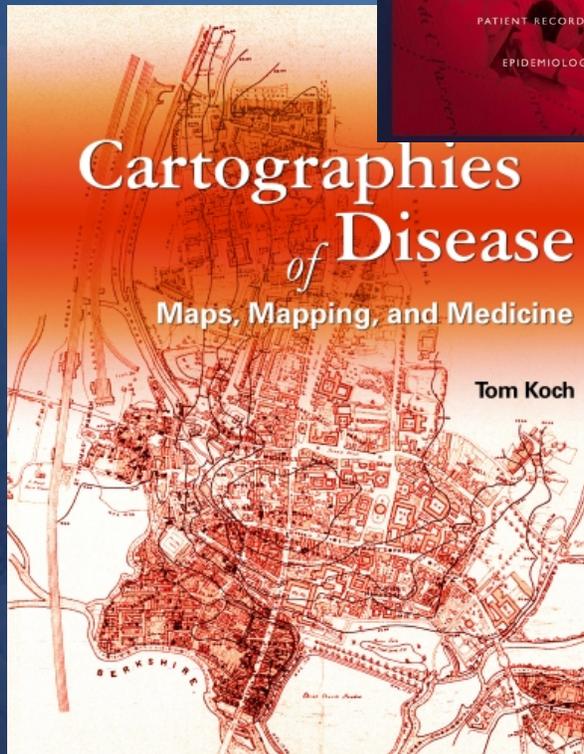
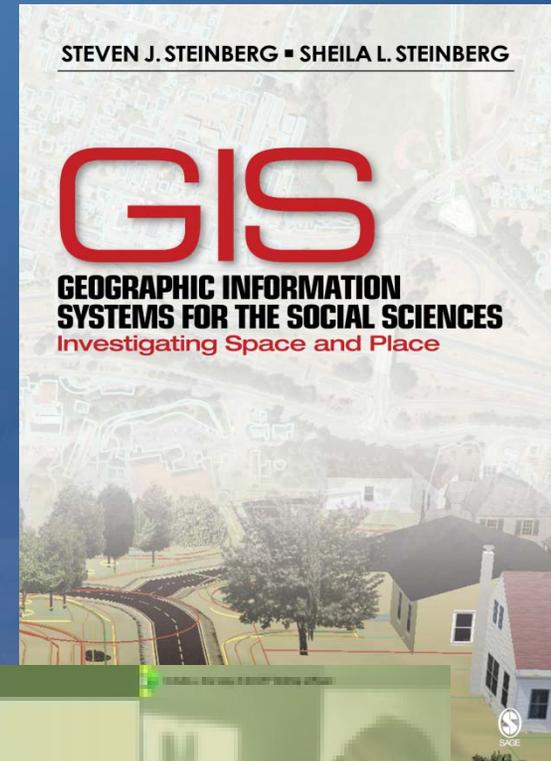
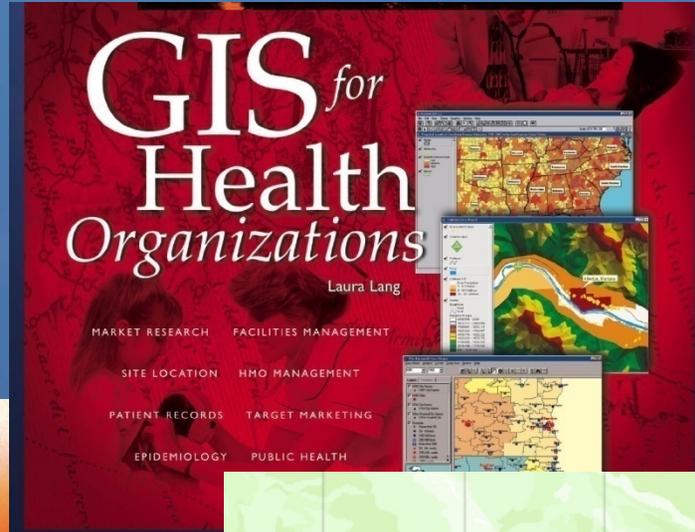
- *Members only **drawing** for prizes*
- *Refreshments will be served*
- *Everyone is invited to attend*
- *You may join right now at [www.esri.com/jointhehug](http://www.esri.com/jointhehug)*

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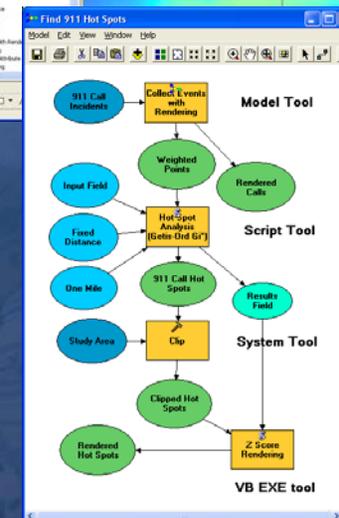
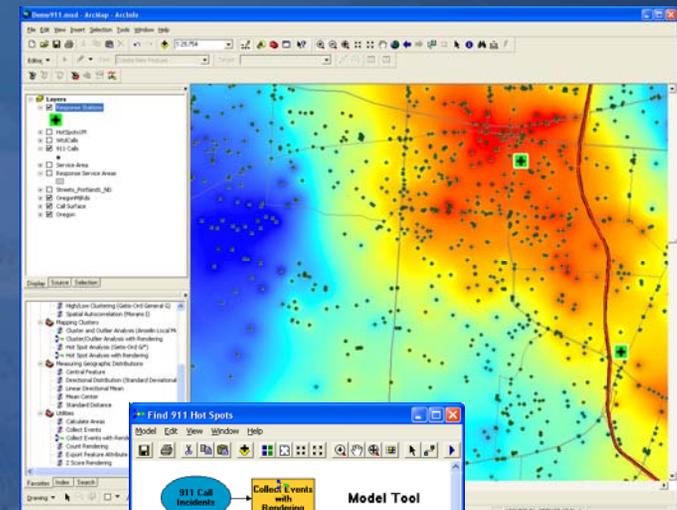
# Find GIS Resources in the GIS Solutions EXPO



# GIS Solutions EXPO

*Renaissance Ballroom Foyer*

- **Monday**  
4:00pm – 7:00pm
- **Tuesday**  
8:00am- 12:00 noon



# GIS Solutions EXPO, Map Gallery, Academic Health Fair

Monday, September 29, 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

*Renaissance Ballroom Foyer*

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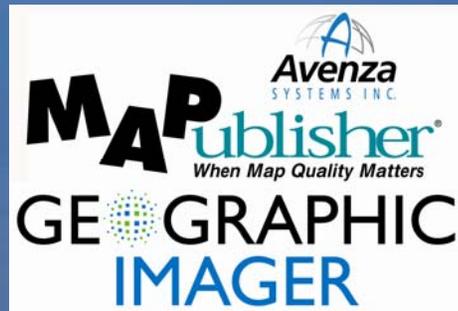
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# 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Academic GIS Health Fair

Monday, 4:00-7:00 p.m.  
*during the GIS Solutions EXPO*

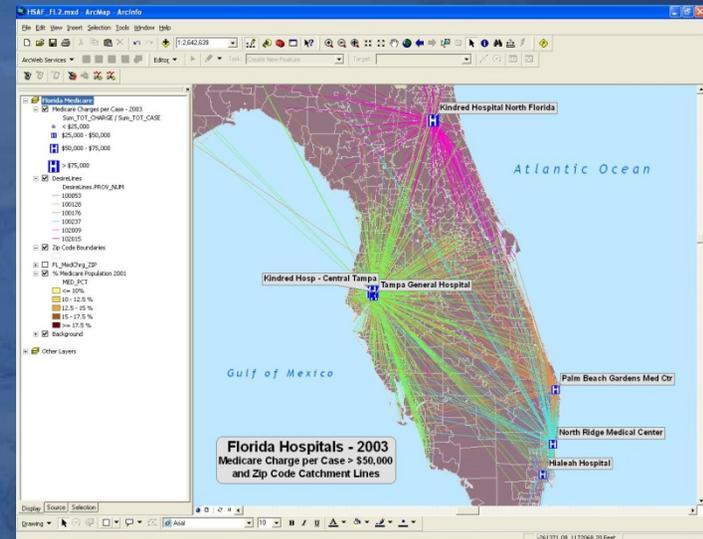
- Carnegie Mellon University
- HealthLandscape
- Edward Via Virginia College of Osteopathic Medicine
- George Mason University
- Johns Hopkins University, Bloomberg School of Public Health
- Loma Linda University
- Public Health Data Standards Consortium (PHDSC)
- Association of American Geographers (AAG)
- University of Nebraska

# Thank you to our exhibitors!



# ESRI Booth in the GIS Solutions EXPO

- Ask ESRI technical staff about product features
- Bring your technical questions
- See software demos
- Learn more about ESRI health data



# **GIS Solutions EXPO** *and* **Hands-On Learning Center**

**Tuesday, September 30**

**8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

- **8:00 – 8:30 Continental Breakfast in EXPO**
- **10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Refreshment Break**

**New in 2008! Hands-On Learning Center**

# Hands-On Learning Center

Tuesday, September 30, 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
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The Hands-On Learning Center provides an opportunity to explore ESRI software and GIS topics at your own pace using training modules with hands-on exercises. Each lesson is approximately 45 minutes and no advance registration is required.

Courses available include:

- Intro to ArcGIS Desktop
- Creating a Map in ArcGIS
- Intro to ArcGIS Explorer
- Intro to ArcGIS Server
- Basics of the Geodatabase
- Getting Started with Animation
- Intro to Spatial Analyst
- Geoprocessing Using ModelBuilder
- Geoprocessing Using Python

# Pre-Conference Sessions Today

See page 7 of your conference agenda for more information!

	<b>Meetings Rooms 12-13-14</b>	<b>Auditorium</b>
2:00 – 3:15 p.m.	GIS for All Health Organizations	ModelBuilder for Workflow Automation and Spatial Analysis
3:30 – 4:45 p.m.	Uses of GIS to Target Quality of Care Improvement & Public Preparedness Interventions	Spatial Statistics Seminar

**Thank You &  
Enjoy the Conference!**

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