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Geomapping Patients

*Using addresses to determine new
clinical sites, transportation times,
and available community
resources*

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None



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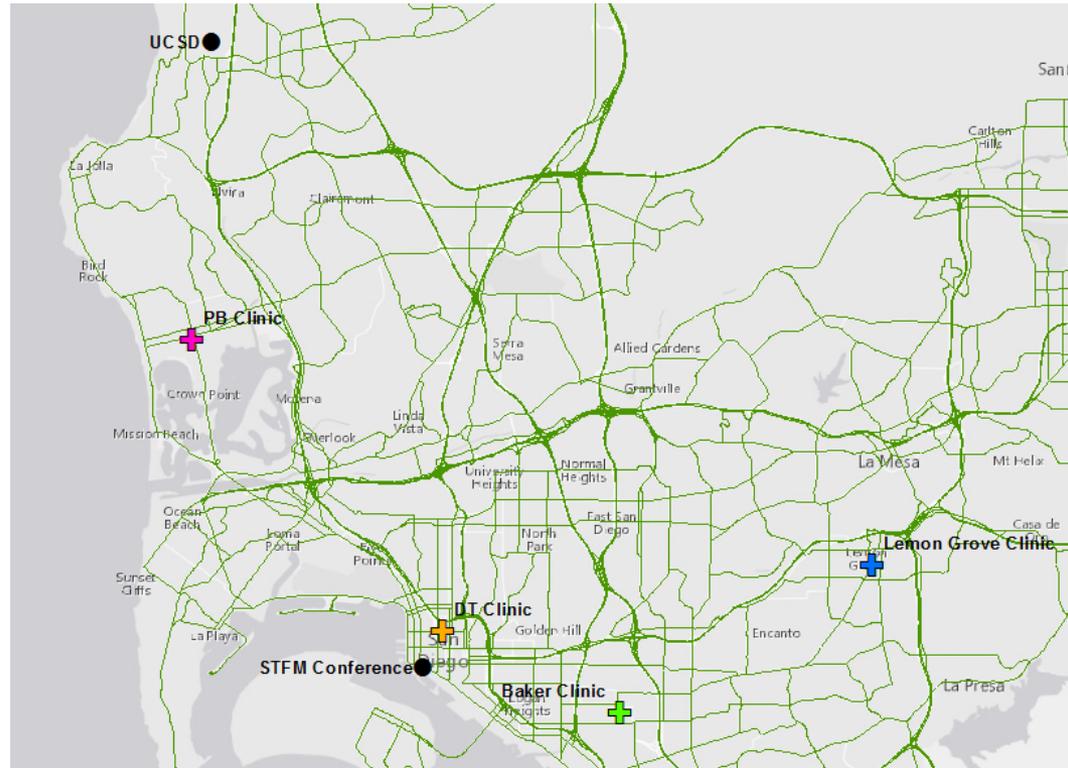
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Objectives

- At the end of this presentation, participants should be able to
 - Define geomapping, and recognize its power in providing patterns and trends.
 - Recognize the potential risks to personal health information (PHI), and how to mitigate loss of PHI in geomapping projects.
 - Utilize geomapping to perform an internal quality assessment and quality improvement evaluation and visualize what resources exist in their community and utilize publicly available data to learn more about their patient populations.

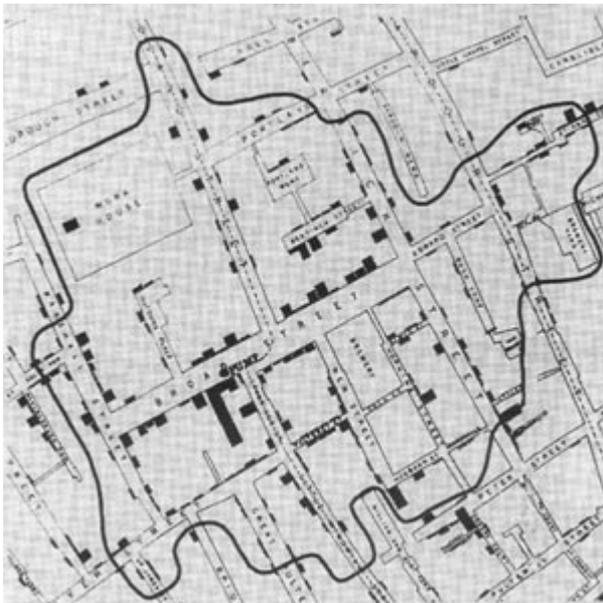
The UCSD Student-Run Free Clinic

- First clinic in PB in January, 1997
- Second clinic in Downtown October, 1997
- Third clinic at Baker Elementary October, 1998
- Fourth clinic at Lemon Grove Elementary in March 2011

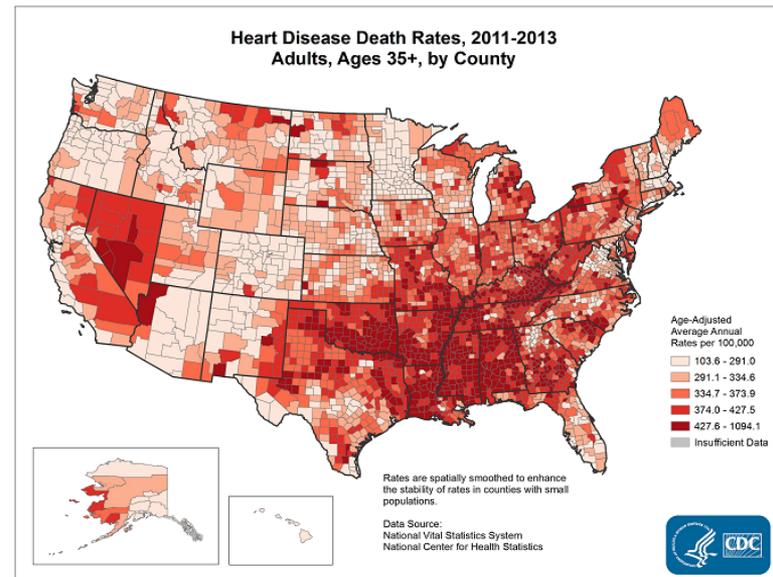


Geomapping

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UCLA: Department of Epidemiology; Father of Modern Epidemiology



CDC: Division for Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention; Heart Disease Fact Sheet

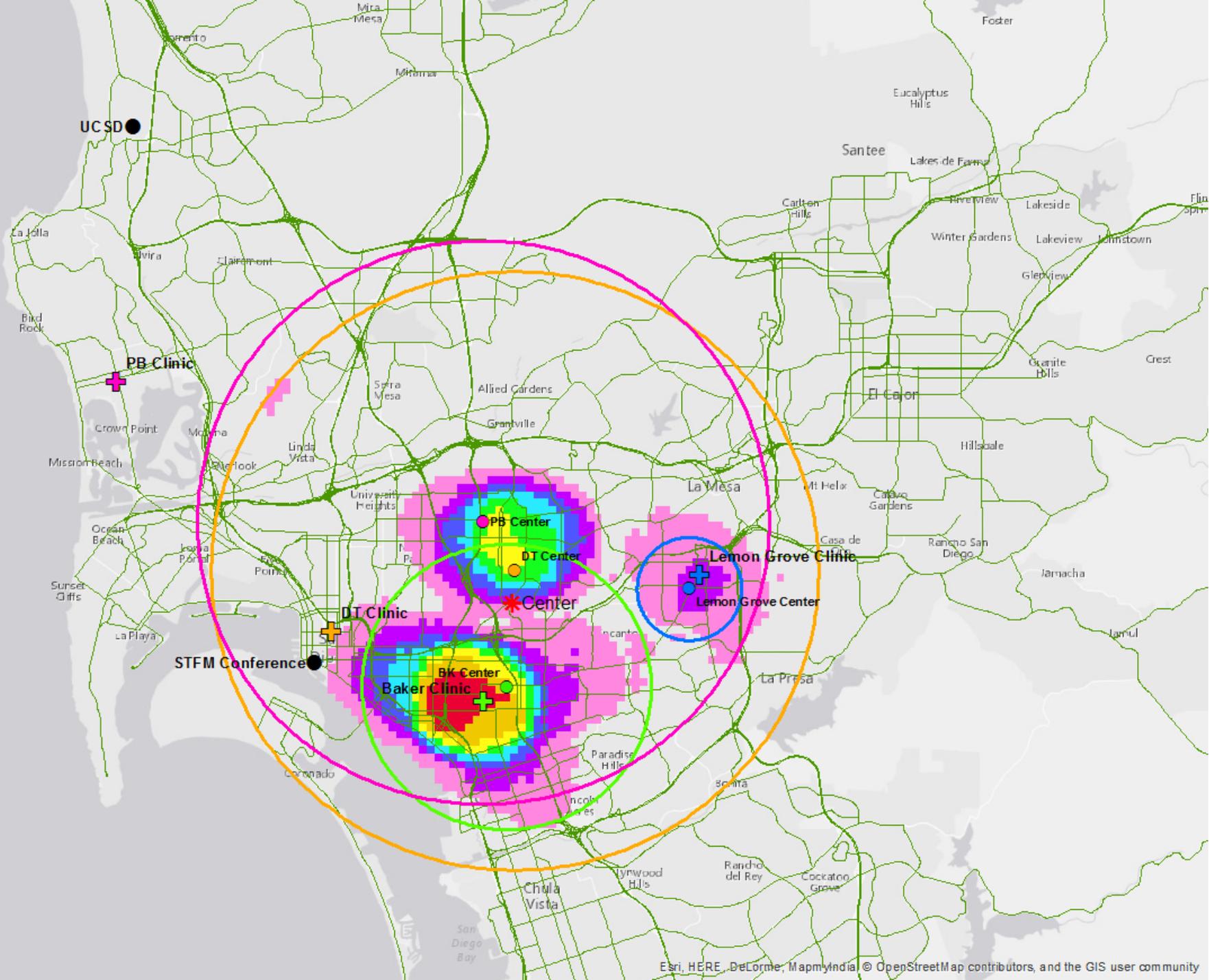
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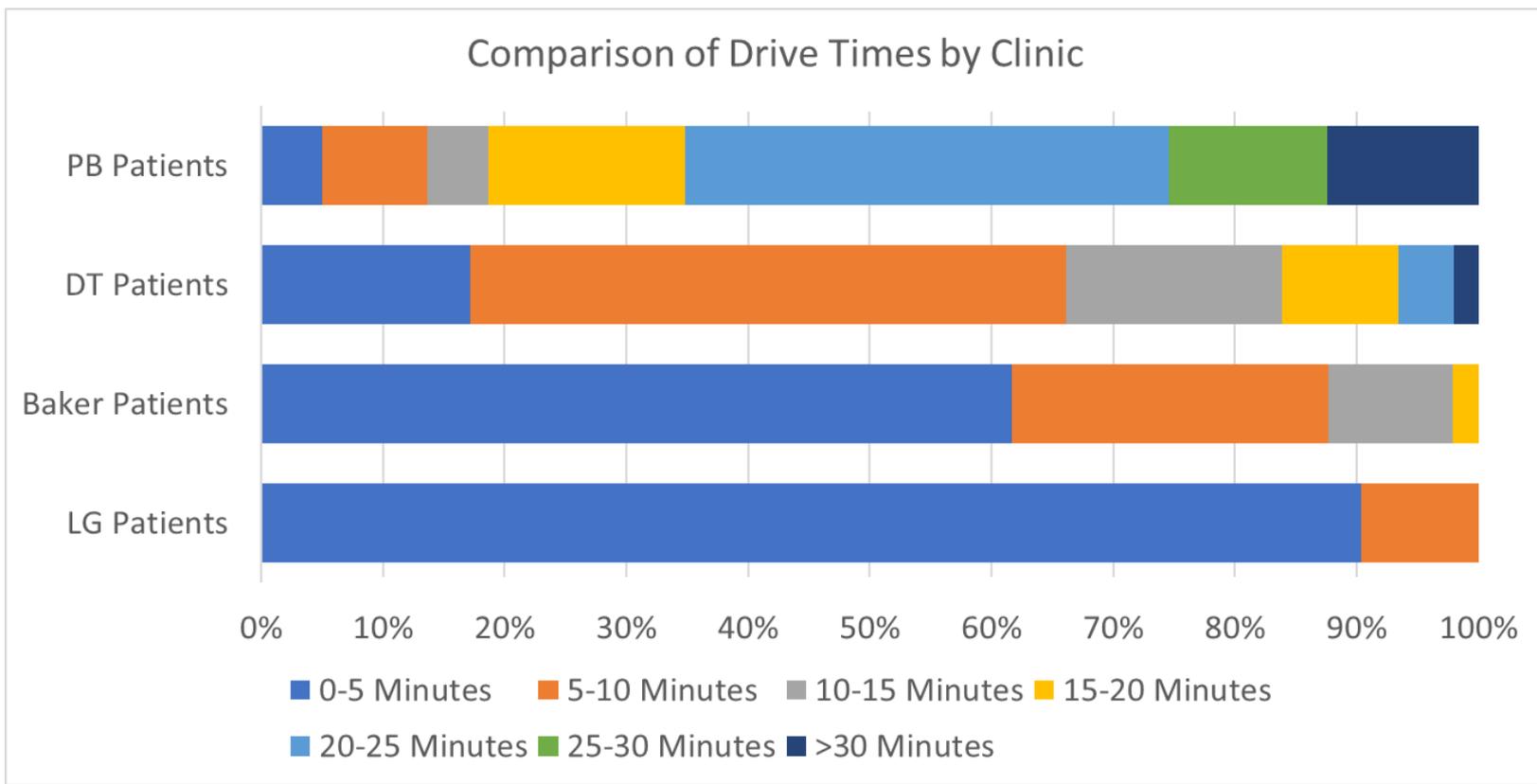
- To get a closer look, we used Geomapping
 - Displays clusters and patterns
 - Current software has a plethora of tools
 - Data and maps are readily available
 - Census data, state and city level data (SanGIS)

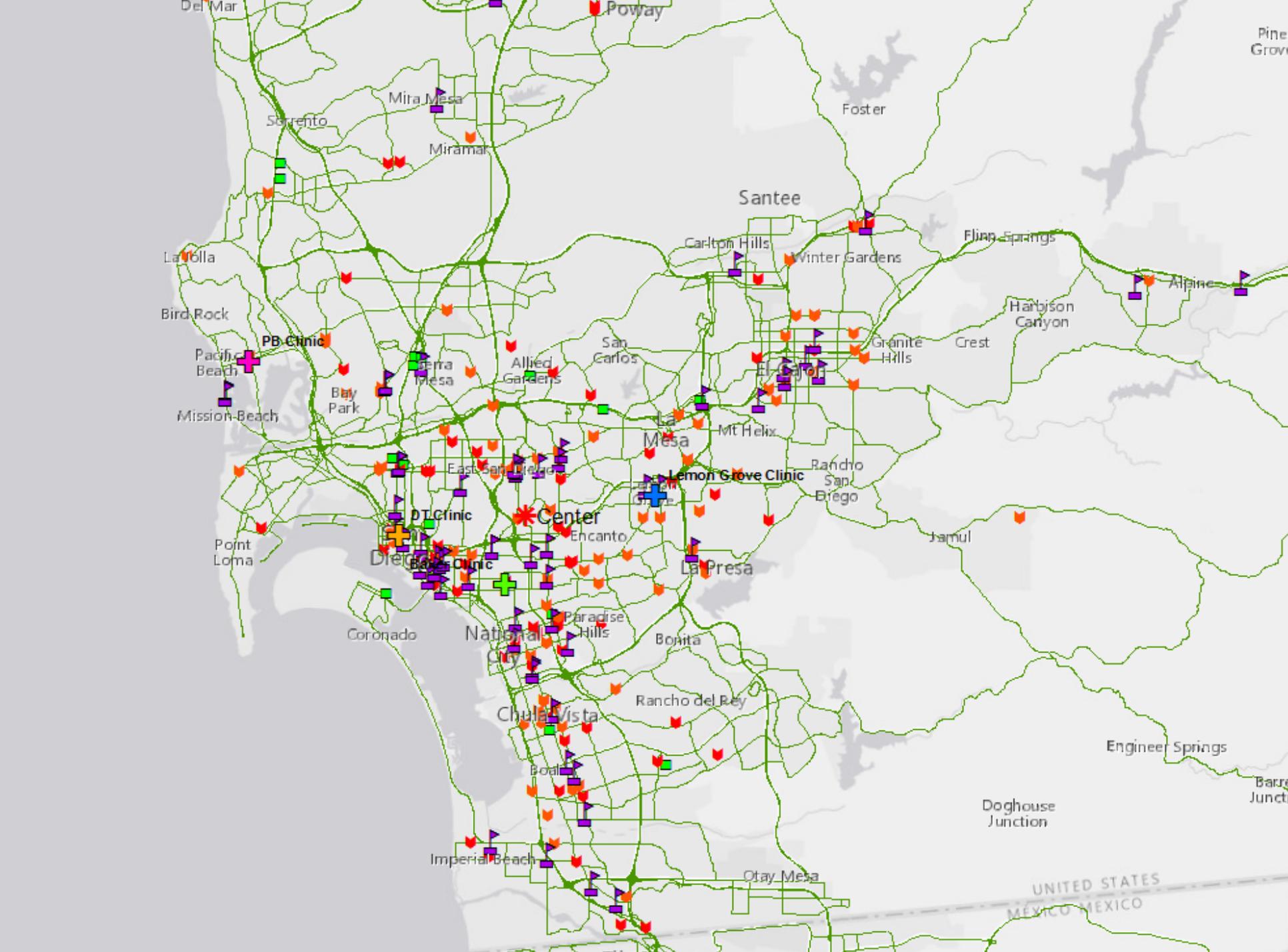


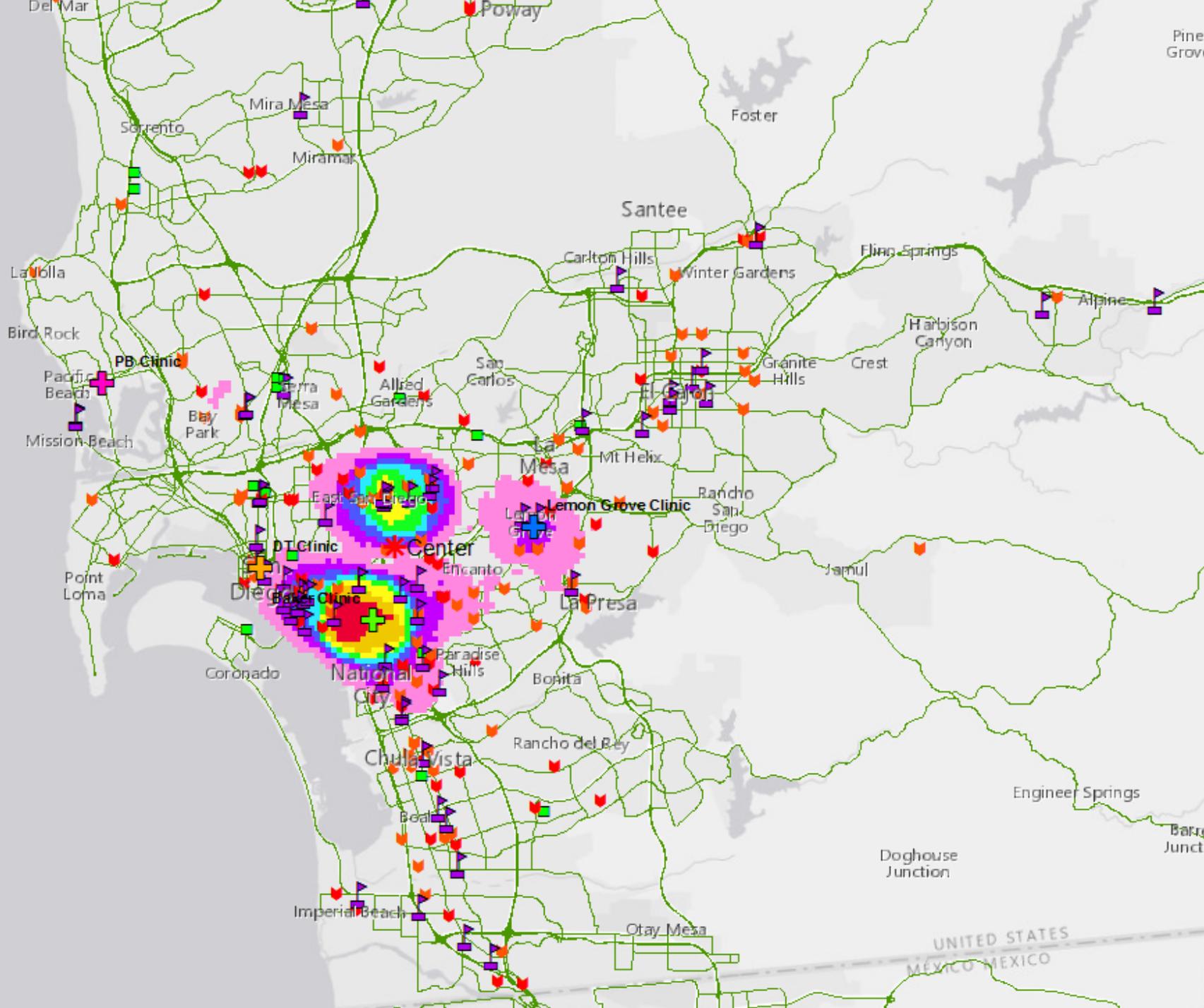
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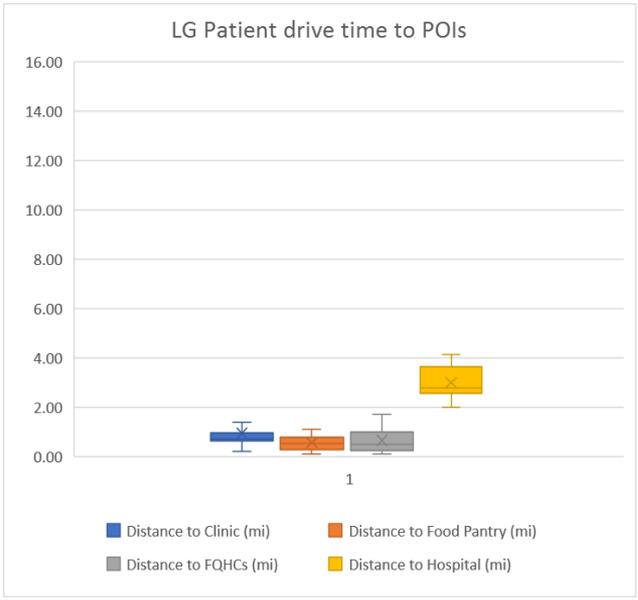
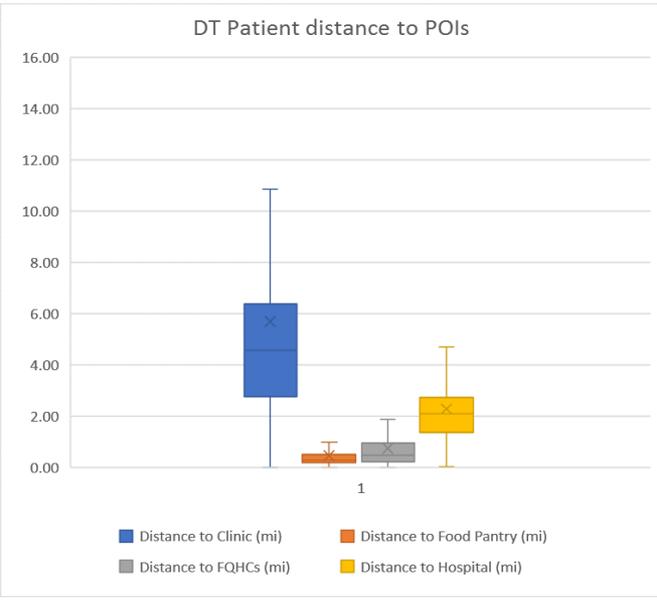
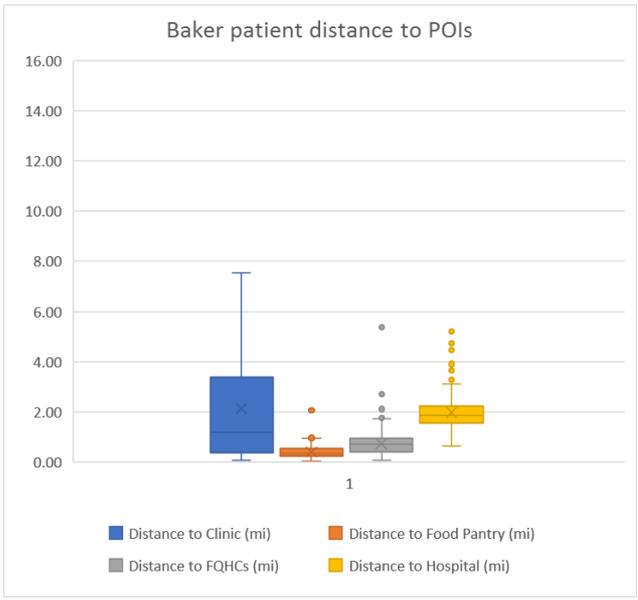
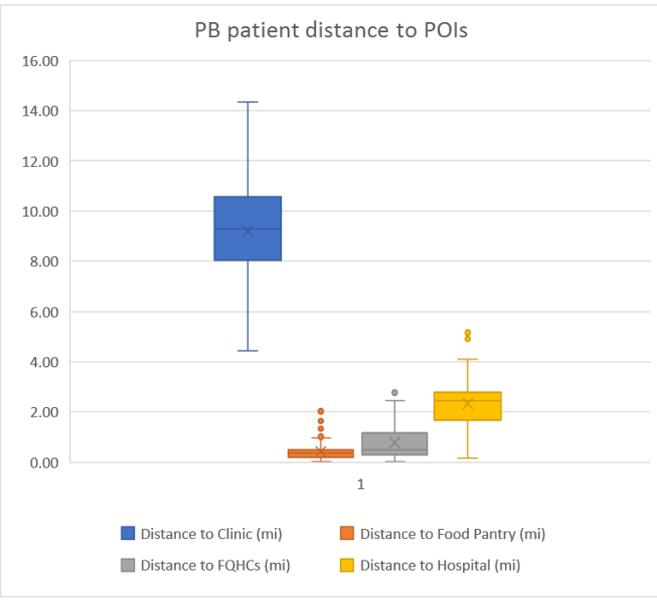
- Addresses were geocoded in ArcGIS
 - Take an address and get X,Y or Lat, Long coordinates
 - Could use geocoding service, business associate contract (HIPAA Compliant)
- Addresses were plotted to visualize where our patients lived (Must consider HIPAA)
 - Depending on ultimate purpose, that information can be “masked”











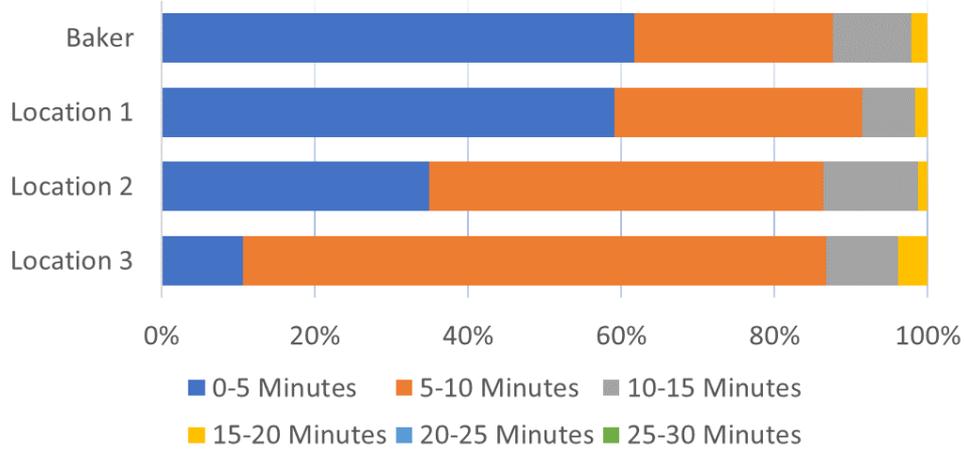


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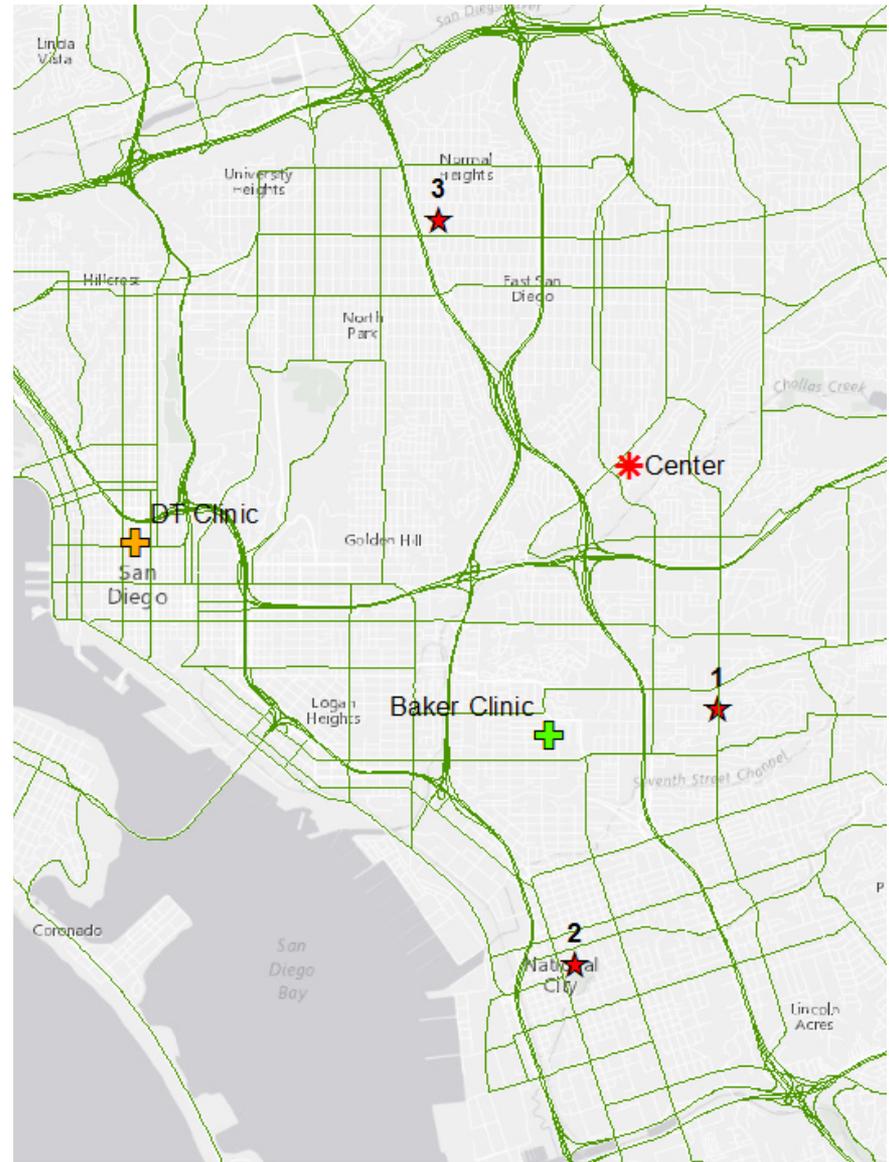
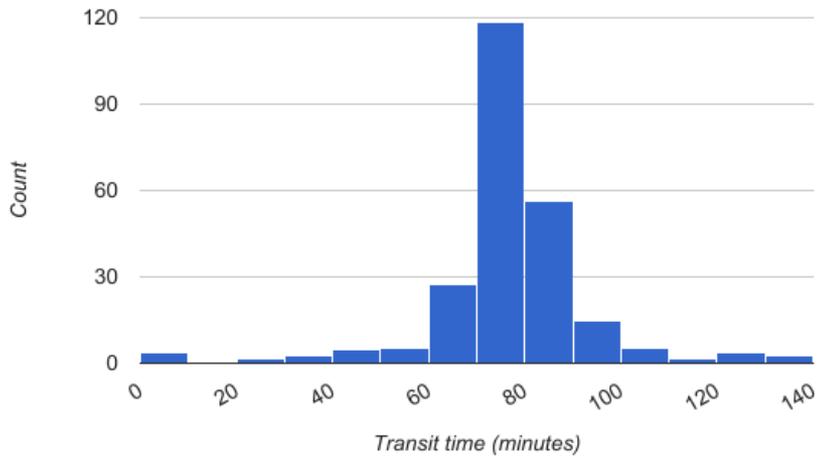
- Distances and driving times evaluated three potential clinic sites
- A fourth area was determined by selecting key features on the map to locate an ideal location



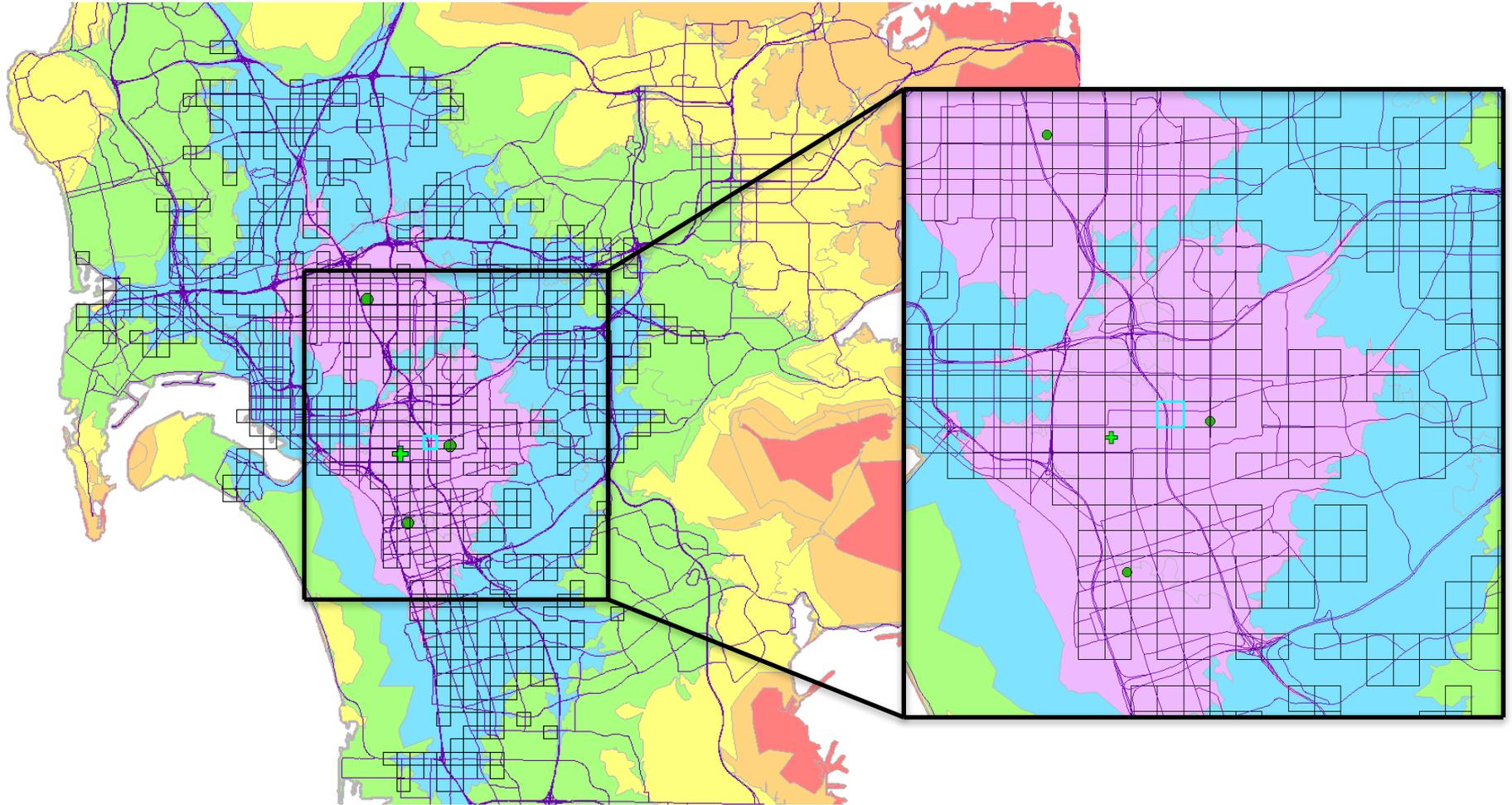
Drive Time Comparison for Potential Sites



Public Transit Times (Baker to PB, in minutes)



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Limitations and Considerations

- Are patient addresses correct?
- Where do patients actually come from?
 - Home? Work? Somewhere else?
- Certain factors are more important than geography
 - Space, safety, strength of partnership, etc...
- Opening a new clinic requires more than identifying a new site

Going forward

- We opened a new clinic site (for 1 year now) at location 1
 - We are considering opening another with more capacity, and more hours
- Consider increasing the hours/staff at existing sites
- We NEED patient input
 - Ask the patients where they want a new clinic
 - Ask student managers for their thoughts
- Develop criteria for allowing patients to switch clinics



Please feel free to contact me with any questions or comments that you might have

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Thank You!

Selected Resources

- ArcGIS (Esri)
- GRASS GIS
- Google Maps (“Your Places” function)

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