Appendix A

Ambassadors in Education Survey Instrument

I am conducting a study to explore the use of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) in healthcare facilities and in conjunction with Electronic Health Records (EHR). I am requesting your participation, which will involve completion of one anonymous online survey. This will take you 5-10 minutes to complete.

Please answer the following questions about the healthcare facility/organization in which you work. Your answers will be submitted anonymously.

1. Are Geographic Information Systems (GIS) currently used in your facility?

   Yes
   No
   Unknown

2. What is GIS used for in your facility? Please check all that apply.

   Marketing
   Strategic Planning
   Coordination of Services
   Capital Planning
   Operational Analysis
   Emergency Preparedness
   Epidemics/Surveillance/Management of Disease
   Other, please specify

3. Who oversees GIS in your facility? Please list department.

4. What software/applications are used for GIS in your facility?

   ArcGIS/Esri
   Epi Info/Epi-Map
   Altarum
   Dartmouth Atlas of Health Care
   Other, please specify

5. Does the GIS system tie into the EHR at your facility?

   Yes
   No, but EHR data is used in GIS
   No
   Unknown
6. What is the Health Information Management department’s level of involvement with GIS at your facility?

Significant
Some
Minimal
None

7. What educational qualifications does your organization require for GIS users?

On the job training
Some college
College degree
Some post-graduate education
Master’s degree
GIS certificate
If college or master’s degree, in what area?

8. How important do you feel that it is for HIM students to learn GIS skills?

9. Other comments: