

# Healthcare Provider Opportunities for Health Imaging IT Professionals

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# Michael O'Meara

- Started own company
- Started as biomed
- Moved over to IT
- Associates in electronics with business and management

# Vendor vs. Hospital Role

- Clinical vs people and technical: vendors have more specialization
- At OSF, 7 hospitals managing imaging applications
- Move to surgery etc. to enterprise

# Different Functions

- PACS coordinators from file room and/or RTs as gatekeepers
- 1<sup>st</sup> line of support, IT second line
- Lots of transition between roles and corporate towards radiology

# Certification

- CIIP and/or PARCA has value for vendors
- Provides “big picture”
- Can handle challenges
- Puts people on level playing field

# Top Characteristics

- Be well rounded
- Strong core skill set is needed
- Approachable, talk in lay-mans terms

# Career Growth and Advancement for PACS SAs?

- Potential with large organizations
- PACS can be success story for IT department
- Senior management roles are potential
- Need to be involved outside career field