Questions to ask when preparing for Digital CR & PACS:

CR:
1. Number of sites
2. X-ray volume at each site (per day best, but anything works as long as we know the time frame)
3. How many plates / cassettes do they want per CR unit? Most Packages Provide (2) 14x17 & (2) 10x12’s
4. Do you do any back (scoli) or long-length type work requiring image stitching?

PACS:
1. How many locations?
2. What modalities do you have and how many of each? (and are they DICOM) – EX. CT, MRI, etc.
3. What do you want to accomplish?
   1. Are you reading/storing the images in-house?
   2. Are you sending the images to an outside service for reading?
   3. Do you want to read/store in house AND send outside?
   4. Will each location be reading their own images or will all images be read at one location?
4. If they are storing their own studies, what type of backup do you want?
   1. Backup to another archive on/off-site? (automated - least expensive)
   2. DVD Archiving for off-site storage? (automated - a little more expensive)
   4. Hard Drive complete daily backup (on-site, inexpensive)
   5. How many people need access to review the images at the same time?
6. Do referring physicians need access to the images? How many? How many at the same time?
7. How many review stations do they want in each location? Do these stations need diagnostic monitors for reads or are they simply to show patients and review?