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Designed for use by reading groups, regional health networks, hospitals and healthcare enterprises, single or multi-site imaging centers, and teleradiology services, SuperPACS™ Architecture is poised to rewrite the rules of sharing, managing, and archiving diagnostic images.

One worklist, with multi-site data synchronization
A common global worklist means that exams from all locations in an enterprise can be read from virtually any location. Intelligent rules are applied to share resources and optimize productivity based on radiologist workload, specialty, and availability. Radiologists experience common reading and reporting. Patient history and diagnostic results are accessible across sites for collaboration with colleagues for better treatment.

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Assimilating remote sites and legacy PACS
The transition to SuperPACS™ Architecture is a highly economical process. No need to replace older PACS systems—even those from other manufacturers—because our flexible workflow grid architecture synchronizes sites regardless of vendor platforms, age, location, or network speed. The system grows organically with your enterprise—new sites can be added seamlessly to the grid utilizing a SuperPACS™ agent. The system will also support management of multiple patient IDs via IHE profiles.

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