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Air Force Telepathology

Moving Forward

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Overview

- **Future**

- **Obstacles**

- **Myth of “Buy In” and Late Adopters**

- **Air Force Solution**



Future Visions

- ✓ **Types of Digital and Telepathology can potentially mirror successes in civilian world**
- ✓ **Data for usefulness is strong**
- ✓ **Future of ALL Imaging is Digital**

BUT

Many obstacles to success



Obstacles to success

- 1. Return on Investment is not clear**
- 2. War mission is not clear**
- 3. Limited money for R&D**
- 4. Information assurance requirements are extreme**
- 5. Bandwidth is limited**
- 6. Digital conversion and telepathology implementation takes future vision and focused energy – military docs are transient community**
- 7. User community population is unstable and interested in dealing with immediate problems**
- 8. Leadership will not budge without clear mandate from user community**
- 9. Champions are often dedicated but alone**
- 10. Poor communication between Users and Leadership**



Myth of “Buy In”

- ❑ Early adopters – zealots & techies

- ❑ Late adopters - focused on patient care
 - ❑ “Resistance” is a combination of
 - ❑ fear of change
 - plus**
 - ❑ “wait and see” attitude...just like with using new medications

- ❑ Nobody has to “buy in” to the iPod.



Air Force Solution

- ❑ **Collaborate with Civilian Academic Centers of Excellence like UPMC for R&D component**

- ❑ **Link**
 - Operational Community (SG3)**
 - with**
 - Modernization Directorate (SGR)**

- ✓ **NO HOBBY SHOP DEVELOPMENT**
- ✓ **NO “Cameras in Closets”**
- ✓ **Must create a System of Care – not cool toys**

Telehealth Program

USERS

**Air Force
Pathology
Informatics
Group**

Vision
R&D Oversight
Policy
AFI
OI's
Plans

SG3

Education
Coordination
Change Management

SGR

Developers

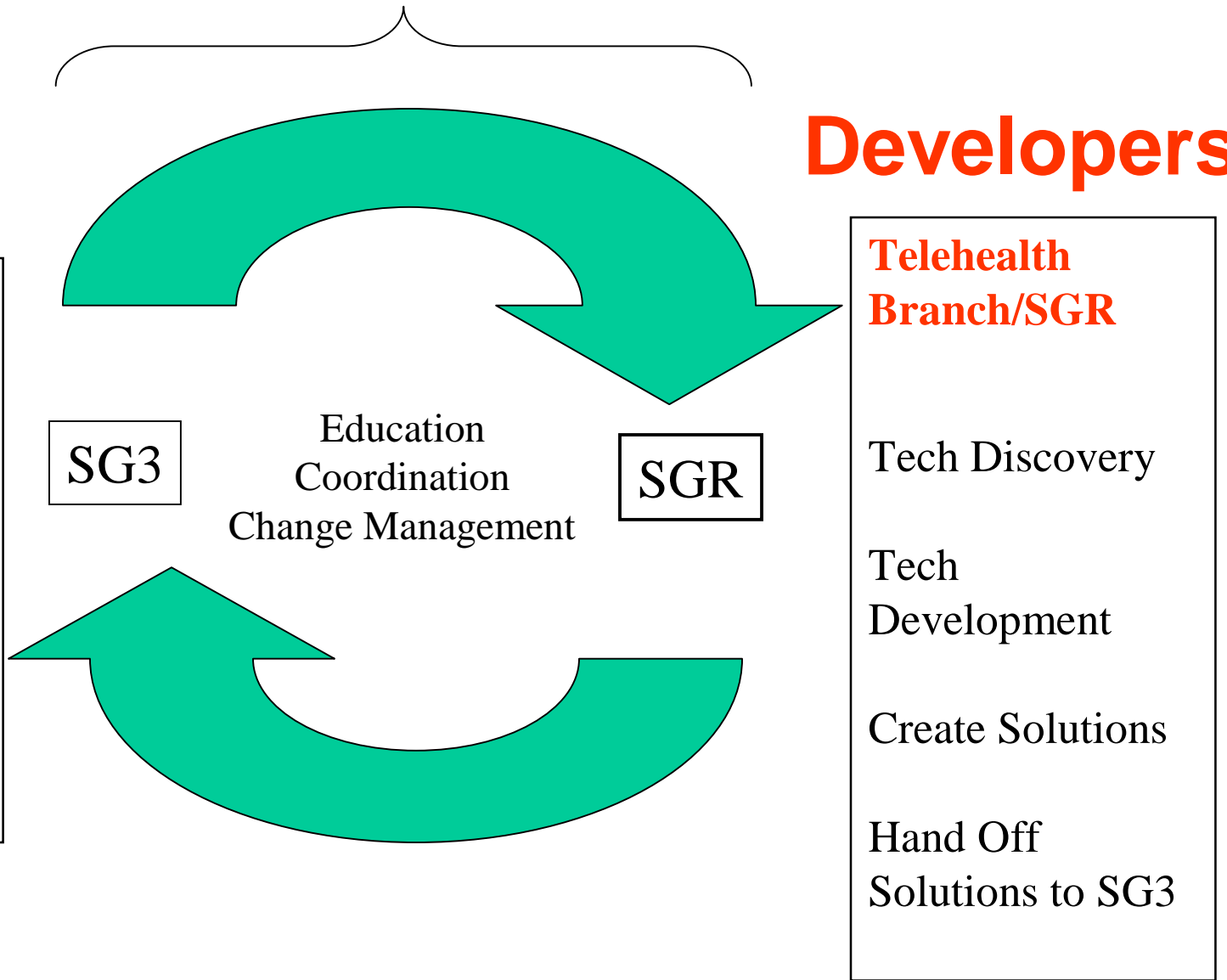
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Tech Discovery

Tech
Development

Create Solutions

Hand Off
Solutions to SG3





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