

Medical Ceramics – A Global Market Overview

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Abstracts

Global Medical Ceramics Market Trends and Outlook

Medical Ceramics can be described as ceramic materials that have been specifically designed and made for use in medical applications. Major features of these materials include biocompatibility, durability and resistance to degradation within the human body. The ability of Medical Ceramics to readily integrate with biological tissues owing to their superior mechanical properties makes them ideal for a variety of medical devices and implants. The most important types of Medical Ceramics include Bioactive Ceramics, Bioinert Ceramics and Bioresorbable Ceramics, each of which possesses unique attributes for a range of applications. For instance, Bioactive Ceramics, such as hydroxyapatite and bioactive glasses find wide application for orthopedic and dental implants, as they promote quicker healing and minimize the risk of rejection by forming seamless bonds with bones. Other ceramics, such as alumina and zirconia have become preferred materials owing to their compatibility with human tissue, high wear resistance and ability to withstand high temperatures and pressures. These, too, are extensively utilized in orthopedic and dental implants, where their hardness and durability mimic natural bone to promote bone growth with negligible risk of inflammation or rejection. The leading application areas for Medical Ceramics comprise Dental Implants, Implantable Electronic Devices, Orthopedic Implants and Surgical & Diagnostic Equipment, among others. By end-user, the market for Medical Ceramics has been segregated into Dental Clinics, Hospitals, R&D Facilities and Specialty Clinics.

Demand for Medical Ceramics worldwide is estimated at US\$19.5 billion in 2024 and is projected to reach US\$27.3 billion by 2030 at a CAGR of 5.8% between the two years. Several factors are driving the demand for Medical Ceramics, prominent among which include an aging global population that is especially vulnerable to orthopedic ailments, such as osteoporosis and dental disorders. The field of Medical Ceramics has also witnessed significant technological innovations over the past, which have helped

expand and enhance their applicability and performance in medical treatments. The use of 3D printing in Medical Ceramics has brought about a marked transformation in the way in which ceramic implants and other components are manufactured by enabling development of highly personalized solutions for specific individuals. This technology offers the prospect to create complex geometries, which, other than being structurally robust, also provide optimized integration with the body's tissues.

R&D efforts aimed at improving the mechanical properties and biocompatibility of ceramics have yielded stronger and novel materials suitable for a wider range of applications, such as load-bearing orthopedic implants and highly aesthetic dental prosthetics. A growing demand for quality healthcare, especially in developing regions, has had a significant impact on the Medical Ceramics market. Improvements in healthcare infrastructure and easier access to medical care have led to growing demand for advanced medical treatments and devices, such as ones involving Medical Ceramics. Dental and orthopedics form the two largest application areas for these materials, since the prostheses and implants made using the same offer biocompatibility, strength and durability.

Medical Ceramics Regional Market Analysis

North America forms the largest worldwide market for Medical Ceramics because of the growing incidence of orthopedic, dental and cardiovascular cases in the region. Facilities for advanced surgical and dental procedures are providing further impetus to the market, which are further supported by extensive use of diagnostic imaging tools and implantable medical devices. As far as growth is concerned, though, Asia-Pacific is likely to emerge as the fastest global market for Medical Ceramics. Major reasons for this include increased healthcare expenses, significant rise in unmet medical needs and greater awareness about oral health issues. The region also has a large population of aged individuals, who are more prone to orthopedic issues that necessitate appropriate treatments, such as implants and prostheses. Knee and hip replacement surgeries have become very common in Asia-Pacific, further fueling demand for Medical Ceramics.

Medical Ceramics Market Analysis by Type

Apart from being the largest, the worldwide market for Bioinert Ceramics is also anticipated to be the fastest growing. Bioinert Ceramics, such as alumina and zirconia, are known for their exceptional properties, making them well-suited for a variety of application areas, particularly in orthopedics and dentistry. Zirconia alloyed with yttrium enhances material strength and prevents degradation, enhancing tolerance to

physiological tissues in several medical applications. Alumina, primarily composed of aluminum oxide, is a tough and hard material with outstanding resistance to wear and corrosion. A closely packed crystal structure allows the material to have high fracture toughness and exceptional mechanical properties, including superior bending and compressive strength. Zirconia and alumina also find wide application in medical devices, such as ceramics-on-ceramics joint systems and electronic ceramic sensors, proving their versatility in advanced medical technology products.

Medical Ceramics Market Analysis by Application

Based on application, the global market for Medical Ceramics has been categorized into Dental Implants, Implantable Electronic Devices, Orthopedic Implants and Surgical & Diagnostic Equipment, among others (incl. Cosmetic/Plastic Surgery & Disposable Medical Products). Of these, demand for these materials for Dental Implants is the largest, as also the fastest growing, since dental restoration procedures have become quite common in recent times. Ceramic materials are used in dental brackets, crowns, veneers, implants and fillings, with mercury, tin and silver amalgams being common to make fillings. On the other hand, the demand for resin-based filling materials has been increasing because of their visual appeal and health benefits. Orthopedic Implants is important significant application area for Medical Ceramics, the market for which is also expected to show a healthy growth over the analysis period.

Medical Ceramics Market Analysis by End-User

Hospitals form the leading end-user of Medical Ceramics on a global basis, since these are specialized institutions catering to a range of orthopedic, dental and cardiovascular issues, where implants are widely used. The market for Medical Ceramics in Hospitals is being driven by financing options and easy access to a range of advanced services, which may not be the case with other establishments. Another fast growing area for use of Medical Ceramics is Dental Clinics, with the influx of patients with dental issues growing by the day.

Medical Ceramics Market Report Scope

This global report on Medical Ceramics analyzes the global and regional markets based on type, application and end-user for the period 2021-2030 with projection from 2024 to 2030 in terms of value in US\$. In addition to providing profiles of major companies operating in this space, the latest corporate and industrial developments have been covered to offer a clear panorama of how and where the market is progressing.

Key Metrics

Historical Period: 2021-2023

Base Year: 2024

Forecast Period: 2024-2030

Units: Value market in US\$

Companies Mentioned: 35+

Medical Ceramics Market by Geographic Region

North America (The United States, Canada and Mexico)

Europe (France, Germany, Italy, Russia, Spain, The United Kingdom and Rest of Europe)

Asia-Pacific (China, Japan, India, South Korea and Rest of Asia-Pacific)

South America (Argentina, Brazil and Rest of South America)

Middle East & Africa

Medical Ceramics Market by Type

Bioactive Ceramics

Bioactive Glass

Calcium Phosphate

Hydroxyapatite

Tricalcium Phosphate

Bioinert Ceramics

Alumina

Carbon

Silicon Nitrides

Titanium Ceramics

Zirconia

Bioresorbable Ceramics

Medical Ceramics Market by Application

Dental Implants

Implantable Electronic Devices

Orthopedic Implants

Surgical & Diagnostic Equipment

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APC International Ltd

AVX Corp

Bakony Technical Ceramic Ltd

BCE Special Ceramics

Berkeley Advanced Biomaterials, Inc.

CeramTec GmbH

Coorstek, Inc.

Dentsply Sirona, Inc.

DePuy Synthes, Inc.

Elan Technology, Inc.

H.C. Starck GmbH

Institut Straumann AG

Johnson & Johnson

Koninklijke DSM NV

Kuraray Co Ltd.

Kuraray Noritake Dental, Inc.

Kyocera Corporation

Lithoz

Lucideon Limited

Materion Corp

Morgan Advanced Materials Plc

NGK Spark Plug Co Ltd.

Nishimura Advanced Ceramics

Nobel Biocare Services AG

Noritake Co Ltd

PI Ceramic GmbH

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