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Abstracts

South Korea nuclear imaging market size reached USD 321.6 Million in 2025. Looking forward, IMARC Group expects the market to reach USD 648.3 Million by 2034, exhibiting a growth rate (CAGR) of 8.10% during 2026-2034. The continual discovery of new radiopharmaceuticals, the expanding applications of nuclear imaging, the growing clinical research and development initiatives in nuclear medicine, the rapid integration of nuclear imaging with other imaging modalities, and the escalating awareness and efforts towards cancer screening and early detection initiatives are some of the factors propelling the market.

Nuclear imaging is a sophisticated medical imaging technique that employs small amounts of radioactive substances, known as radiotracers or radiopharmaceuticals, to visualize and assess the functioning of organs and tissues within the body. Introducing these radiotracers into the patient's body, typically through injection, inhalation, or ingestion. As the radiotracers emit gamma rays, specialized cameras detect and create detailed images, showcasing the distribution of the radiopharmaceuticals. Common nuclear imaging modalities include positron emission tomography (PET) and single-photon emission computed tomography (SPECT). PET scans provide insights into metabolic and molecular processes, offering invaluable information for cancer diagnosis, neurological disorders, and cardiac conditions. On the other hand, SPECT scans focus on organ structure and function and are widely used in cardiology, neurology, and bone imaging. Nuclear imaging plays a pivotal role in early disease detection, staging, and treatment monitoring, offering a non-invasive and comprehensive approach to understanding physiological processes at the molecular

level. Despite safety concerns due to the use of radiation, the benefits of precise diagnosis and personalized treatment planning contribute to the continued evolution and adoption of nuclear imaging technologies in modern healthcare.

SOUTH KOREA NUCLEAR IMAGING MARKET TRENDS:

The market in South Korea is majorly driven by the increasing prevalence of chronic diseases, such as cancer and cardiovascular disorders. In line with this, the rising demand for precise diagnostic tools for early detection and accurate staging is significantly contributing to the market growth. Nuclear imaging, particularly PET and SPECT scans, provides unparalleled insights into diseases' molecular and functional aspects, revolutionizing diagnostics and treatment planning. Moreover, the rising aging population is positively influencing market growth, as elderly individuals are more prone to conditions necessitating advanced imaging for effective management. Technological advancements in nuclear imaging systems, including enhanced resolution and sensitivity, further fuel market expansion, allowing for more accurate and detailed scans. Besides, the rapid integration of artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning in image analysis adds another layer of sophistication, improving diagnostic accuracy and efficiency. Additionally, the rising adoption of nuclear medicine for therapeutic applications, such as targeted radionuclide therapies, broadens the scope of nuclear imaging beyond diagnostics, fostering market growth. Collaborations between healthcare institutions and research organizations drive innovation in radiopharmaceutical development, expanding the repertoire of applications for nuclear imaging. The global emphasis on personalized medicine and the need for non-invasive, comprehensive imaging modalities position nuclear imaging at the forefront of modern healthcare. This contributes to its sustained market growth as an indispensable tool for precise and early disease management.

SOUTH KOREA NUCLEAR IMAGING MARKET SEGMENTATION:

IMARC Group provides an analysis of the key trends in each segment of the market, along with forecasts at the country level for 2026-2034. Our report has categorized the market based on product and application.

Product Insights:

Equipment

Single Photon Emission Computed Tomography (SPECT)

Positron-Emission Tomography (PET)

Radioisotope

SPECT Radioisotopes

PET Radioisotopes

The report has provided a detailed breakup and analysis of the market based on the product. This includes equipment (single photon emission computed tomography (SPECT) and positron-emission tomography (PET)) and radioisotope (SPECT radioisotopes and PET radioisotopes).

Application Insights:

Orthopedics

Thyroid

Cardiology

Oncology

Others

A detailed breakup and analysis of the market based on the application have also been provided in the report. This includes orthopedics, thyroid, cardiology, oncology, and others.

Regional Insights:

Seoul Capital Area

Yeongnam (Southeastern Region)

Honam (Southwestern Region)

Hoseo (Central Region)

Others

The report has also provided a comprehensive analysis of all the major regional markets, which include Seoul Capital Area, Yeongnam (Southeastern Region), Honam (Southwestern Region), Hoseo (Central Region), and others.

COMPETITIVE LANDSCAPE:

The market research report has also provided a comprehensive analysis of the competitive landscape in the market. Competitive analysis such as market structure, key player positioning, top winning strategies, competitive dashboard, and company evaluation quadrant has been covered in the report. Also, detailed profiles of all major companies have been provided.

KEY QUESTIONS ANSWERED IN THIS REPORT

How has the South Korea nuclear imaging market performed so far and how will it perform in the coming years?

What has been the impact of COVID-19 on the South Korea nuclear imaging market?

What is the breakup of the South Korea nuclear imaging market on the basis of product?

What is the breakup of the South Korea nuclear imaging market on the basis of application?

What are the various stages in the value chain of the South Korea nuclear imaging market?

What are the key driving factors and challenges in the South Korea nuclear imaging?

What is the structure of the South Korea nuclear imaging market and who are the key players?

What is the degree of competition in the South Korea nuclear imaging market?

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