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Abstracts

The global Technetium-99m market size is predicted to grow from US$ 548 million in 2025 to US$ 772 million in 2032; it is expected to grow at a CAGR of 4.8% from 2026 to 2032.

Technetium-99m is a nuclear isomer of technetium-99 and the most widely used radiopharmaceutical in diagnostic nuclear medicine. The ?m? stands for metastable, indicating that the nucleus remains in an excited state for a measurable period before decaying. It is typically generated from the decay of Molybdenum-99 in a technetium generator. With a physical half-life of approximately 6.02 hours, Tc99 decays by emitting a gamma photon with a principal energy of 140 keV, which is ideal for detection by gamma cameras and Single-Photon Emission Computed Tomography (SPECT). Its optimal energy profile, short half-life (which minimizes patient radiation exposure), and versatile chemistry for labeling various biological compounds make it the ?gold standard? for imaging the skeleton, heart, and various internal organs.In 2025, global Technetium-99m production reached approximately 546.98 K Curie.

Technetium-99m (Tc-99m) is the most widely used and strategically important radionuclide in the global nuclear medicine diagnostics market, often regarded as the cornerstone of modern medical imaging. Owing to its favorable physical characteristics?such as a short half-life of approximately six hours, an optimal gamma emission energy of 140 keV, and relatively low radiation exposure to patients?Tc-99m is extensively used in single-photon emission computed tomography (SPECT). It plays a dominant role in diagnostic imaging for cardiology, orthopedics, oncology, nephrology, pulmonology, and thyroid disorders. Globally, Tc-99m-based procedures consistently account for more than 70% of all nuclear medicine diagnostic examinations, underscoring its entrenched and resilient market position.

From a supply perspective, Technetium-99m is not produced directly but is obtained

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through the radioactive decay of its parent isotope, Molybdenum-99 (Mo-99), and distributed primarily via Tc-99m generators. This supply structure results in a highly centralized and sensitive upstream market. Historically, global Mo-99 production has relied on a limited number of aging research reactors, making the Tc-99m supply chain vulnerable to maintenance shutdowns, operational disruptions, and geopolitical risks. As a result, supply security has become a critical issue for healthcare systems worldwide, driving investment into alternative production methods, including low-enriched uranium (LEU)-based reactors, accelerator-based technologies, and regionalized isotope manufacturing initiatives.

On the demand side, the market for Tc-99m is closely linked to demographic and epidemiological trends, particularly population aging and the rising prevalence of chronic diseases. Cardiovascular diseases, bone disorders, and cancer screening increasingly rely on nuclear imaging for early detection and functional assessment, reinforcing Tc-99m?s role as a ?workhorse? isotope in routine diagnostics. In emerging economies and developing regions, SPECT systems combined with Tc-99m radiopharmaceuticals offer a cost-effective and scalable solution compared to PET imaging, which requires higher capital investment and more complex infrastructure. This dynamic supports sustained demand growth for Tc-99m in markets with expanding healthcare access.

In terms of competition and substitution, positron emission tomography (PET) and radionuclides such as Fluorine-18 are experiencing rapid growth in high-end diagnostic applications. However, their higher costs, logistical challenges, and limited accessibility constrain their ability to fully replace Tc-99m in mainstream clinical practice. Instead, Tc-99m continues to evolve through the development of new radiopharmaceutical kits, improved targeting specificity, and enhanced imaging protocols. Regulatory pathways for Tc-99m-based products are also well established in most major markets, facilitating ongoing innovation and clinical adoption.

Looking ahead, the Technetium-99m market is expected to demonstrate structural stability with gradual supply-side optimization and technological diversification. While demand fundamentals remain strong due to the essential role of nuclear medicine diagnostics, advancements in Mo-99 production and isotope supply resilience will reduce systemic risks over time. Ultimately, Tc-99m is not merely a diagnostic isotope but a critical infrastructure component of global healthcare systems, with enduring strategic and economic significance in the nuclear medicine value chain.

LP Information, Inc. (LPI) ' newest research report, the ?Technetium-99m Industry

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Forecast? looks at past sales and reviews total world Technetium-99m sales in 2025, providing a comprehensive analysis by region and market sector of projected Technetium-99m sales for 2026 through 2032. With Technetium-99m sales broken down by region, market sector and sub-sector, this report provides a detailed analysis in US$ millions of the world Technetium-99m industry.

This Insight Report provides a comprehensive analysis of the global Technetium-99m landscape and highlights key trends related to product segmentation, company formation, revenue, and market share, latest development, and M&A activity. This report also analyzes the strategies of leading global companies with a focus on Technetium-99m portfolios and capabilities, market entry strategies, market positions, and geographic footprints, to better understand these firms? unique position in an accelerating global Technetium-99m market.

This Insight Report evaluates the key market trends, drivers, and affecting factors shaping the global outlook for Technetium-99m and breaks down the forecast by Type, by Application, geography, and market size to highlight emerging pockets of opportunity. With a transparent methodology based on hundreds of bottom-up qualitative and quantitative market inputs, this study forecast offers a highly nuanced view of the current state and future trajectory in the global Technetium-99m.

This report presents a comprehensive overview, market shares, and growth opportunities of Technetium-99m market by product type, application, key manufacturers and key regions and countries.

Segmentation by Type:

Produced by HEU

Produced by LEU

Segmentation by Production Method:

Generator-Derived

Cyclotron-Produced

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Segmentation by Clinical Procedure:

- Planar Imaging
- SPECT

Segmentation by Application:

- Medical Imaging
- Others

This report also splits the market by region:

- Americas
  - United States
  - Canada
  - Mexico
  - Brazil
- APAC
  - China
  - Japan
  - Korea
  - Southeast Asia
  - India
  - Australia

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- Europe
  - Germany
  - France
  - UK
  - Italy
  - Russia
- Middle East & Africa
  - Egypt
  - South Africa
  - Israel
  - Turkey
  - GCC Countries

The below companies that are profiled have been selected based on inputs gathered from primary experts and analysing the company's coverage, product portfolio, its market penetration.

- NRG
- Rosatom
- ANSTO
- Nordion
- IRE

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Key Questions Addressed in this Report

What is the 10-year outlook for the global Technetium-99m market?

What factors are driving Technetium-99m market growth, globally and by region?

Which technologies are poised for the fastest growth by market and region?

How doTechnetium-99m market opportunities vary by end market size?

How does Technetium-99m break out by Type, by Application?

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