

# Global Imaging CRO Market Size, Growth, Industry Trends | Emergen Research

Regulatory support for imaging in drug development is significantly fuelling the growth of the Imaging CRO market.

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Research's latest market research report, titled Global Imaging CRO
Market, provides estimated market size and shares, latest industry trends, global market growth rates, key drivers and opportunities, constraints, product segmentation, and major market



players. Cost structure, market size, competitive landscape, product portfolio and specifications, and company profiles are also included. This report serves as a fair prototype of the Imaging Contract Research Organization (CRO) industry, offering an in-depth study of the global Imaging CRO market. It covers various industry aspects with a particular focus on market scope and application areas. The report identifies fundamental business strategies adopted by industry experts and provides an insightful study of the value chains and distribution channels of the global market. The report authors have analyzed current industry trends, growth potential, market overview, and limitations.

The Imaging CRO market is expected to grow from an estimated USD 5.5 billion in 2024 to USD 11.0 billion in 2033, at a CAGR of 8.00%. This growth is driven by the increasing demand for advanced imaging technologies in clinical trials, rising outsourcing of imaging-related services by pharmaceutical and biotech companies, and the growing complexity of drug development processes. Imaging CROs provide specialized services such as medical imaging analysis, biomarker development, and imaging endpoint validation, which are critical for assessing drug efficacy and safety in trials for oncology, neurology, cardiology, and other therapeutic areas. The rising prevalence of chronic diseases and the need for precision medicine further fuel the demand for imaging CRO services.

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According to the National Institutes of Health (NIH), clinical trials incorporating imaging endpoints have increased by 15% annually since 2020, reflecting the growing reliance on imaging CROs to support research outcomes. Additionally, advancements in imaging modalities such as MRI, PET, CT, and ultrasound, along with the integration of artificial intelligence (AI) for image analysis, are enhancing the efficiency and accuracy of these services, driving market growth.

#### Market Drivers and Growth Factors

The surge in clinical trials requiring imaging endpoints, coupled with the outsourcing trend among pharmaceutical and biotech firms, is a major driver for the Imaging CRO market. These organizations offer expertise in managing complex imaging protocols, ensuring regulatory compliance, and delivering high-quality data for drug approvals. The increasing prevalence of diseases like cancer and Alzheimer's, which rely heavily on imaging for diagnosis and treatment monitoring, further accelerates market expansion. The World Health Organization (WHO) reports that cancer cases are expected to rise by 50% by 2040, underscoring the need for robust imaging solutions in clinical research.

### Challenges in the Imaging CRO Market

Despite its promising growth, the market faces challenges such as high operational costs associated with advanced imaging technologies and the need for skilled personnel to interpret complex imaging data. Regulatory hurdles across different regions can also delay trial timelines, while competition from in-house imaging departments of large pharmaceutical companies poses a threat to market expansion. Data privacy concerns related to patient imaging records further complicate service delivery.

## Market Segmentation Insights

The market is segmented based on service type, imaging modality, therapeutic area, end-user, and region.

Service Type: Imaging analysis and interpretation services are expected to dominate due to their critical role in deriving actionable insights from clinical trial data. Imaging trial design and consulting services hold the second-largest share, driven by the need for customized imaging protocols.

Imaging Modality: MRI services lead the market, given their widespread use in oncology and neurology trials. PET and CT modalities are anticipated to grow rapidly due to their precision in biomarker detection.

Therapeutic Area: The oncology segment is projected to generate the highest revenue, fueled by the rising number of cancer trials requiring imaging endpoints. Neurology follows closely, driven by research into neurodegenerative diseases.

End-User: Pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies are the primary users, outsourcing imaging services to streamline R&D. Academic and research institutions are expected to see steady growth due to increased funding for clinical studies.

The global Imaging CRO market is poised for substantial growth, supported by technological advancements and the rising need for imaging in drug development. However, addressing cost barriers and enhancing workforce expertise will be key to sustaining this expansion. With increasing investments in healthcare R&D, the demand for specialized imaging CRO services is expected to rise steadily.

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## Competitive Terrain

The global Imaging CRO industry is moderately consolidated, with key players operating across international and local markets. These companies dominate due to their technological expertise, global presence, and focus on innovation in imaging solutions.

Some major companies included in the Imaging CRO market report are:

ICON plc

Parexel International Corporation

IQVIA Inc.

Medpace Holdings, Inc.

Charles River Laboratories International, Inc.

Syneos Health

WuXi AppTec

Labcorp Drug Development

Bioclinica (Clario)

WorldCare Clinical

**Imaging Endpoints** 

Radiant Sage

Intrinsic Imaging

Micron, Inc.

**Keosys Medical Imaging** 

The report covers key aspects of the market, including standards, regulations, and policy changes implemented by governments for the coming years. It includes thorough research using advanced analytical tools such as SWOT analysis and Porter's Five Forces analysis to identify growth trends and patterns. Factors influencing market growth, current trends, opportunities, constraints, and the competitive landscape are discussed in detail.

Market Segmentation

For this report, Emergen Research has segmented the Imaging CRO market based on service type, imaging modality, therapeutic area, end-user, and region:

Service Type Outlook
Imaging Trial Design and Consulting
Imaging Acquisition and Management
Imaging Analysis and Interpretation
Quality Assurance and Regulatory Support

Imaging Modality Outlook
Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI)
Positron Emission Tomography (PET)
Computed Tomography (CT)
Ultrasound
Others (X-ray, Optical Imaging)

Therapeutic Area Outlook Oncology Neurology Cardiology Musculoskeletal Others

End-User Outlook
Pharmaceutical and Biotechnology Companies
Academic and Research Institutions
Medical Device Companies
Others

Regional Outlook:

North America (U.S., Canada, Mexico)
Europe (U.K., Germany, France, Italy)
Asia Pacific (India, China, Japan, Korea)
Latin America (Brazil, Argentina, Ecuador, Chile)
Middle East & Africa (Egypt, Turkey, Saudi Arabia, Iran)

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Key Reasons to Buy the Global Imaging CRO Market Report:

The report comprehensively studies the global Imaging CRO market size and provides valuable insights into current business trends, market share, service offerings, and service share. It offers an insightful analysis of the regional outlook of the market.

It provides a detailed account of the end-use applications of the services offered by this industry.

The report covers the latest developments in the industry and lists the most effective business strategies implemented by market rivals for optimal expansion.

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