# Timeline of innovation

**2008**

*Avista Capital Partners assumes ownership of Bristol-Myers Squibb Medical Imaging; company is relaunched as Lantheus Medical Imaging*

**2006**

*Bristol-Myers Squibb Medical Imaging celebrates 50 years of dedication to nuclear medicine*

*CARDIOLITE® (Kit for the Preparation of Technetium Tc99m Sestamibi for Injection) use reaches 20 million patients worldwide*

**2001**

*16.9 million nuclear medicine procedures are performed in the United States*

*US FDA approval for DEFINITY® Vial for (Perflutren Lipid Microsphere) Injectable Suspension*

**1991**

*CARDIOLITE® is launched in United States*

**1977**

*New England Nuclear receives FDA approval to distribute thallium-201 for myocardial perfusion and diagnosis and location of myocardial infarction*

**1971**

*American Medical Association officially recognizes nuclear medicine as a medical speciality*

**1956**

*Forerunner of Bristol-Myers Squibb Medical Imaging, New England Nuclear, is founded*

Lantheus Medical Imaging