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Nuclear medicine generator production to resume next week

The Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation (ANSTO) will recommence production of technetium-99m (Tc-99m) generators next week.

ANSTO has been importing the generators from the US since a mechanical issue with a conveyer belt was identified on 22 June 2018. The fault has been fixed and quality control tests are now being finalised. While the US-supplied medicine has been ongoing, there have been periodic disruptions, and ANSTO is looking forward to recommencing our own supply for the benefit of patients around Australia and the region.

We are now working through a controlled start-up process that incorporates full equipment checks, and will then ramp up our production. ANSTO has worked closely with our customers and the wider Australian health community during the recent supply issues. We apologise for the impact, look forward to recommencing production and will be in touch with each customer to discuss the transition.

We would like to take the opportunity to thank the Australian nuclear medicine community for their support during this interruption.

Each week ANSTO normally provides this nuclear medicine to 250 hospitals, clinics and pharmaceutical suppliers in Australia and the region. In clinical settings, technetium-99m is used to diagnose a variety of heart, cancer, lung and muscular skeletal conditions.

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