

STATEMENT

Monday 2, July 2018

Technetium-99m (Tc-99m) Generator distribution to Australian hospitals and clinics

Over the weekend ANSTO received Technetium-99m (Tc-99m) generators from Lantheus Medical Imaging Inc. (LMI) in the US and has distributed to a number of hospitals as well as Global Medical Solutions Australia (GMS) sites across Australia.

This morning a second wave of deliveries (33 generators in total) will be distributed to other metropolitan and rural trauma hospitals for arrival Tuesday.

An additional wave of deliveries will be distributed tomorrow to further hospitals and clinics for arrival Wednesday. ANSTO is expecting additional shipments into Australia throughout this week. ANSTO's customers are being advised of their expected delivery time.

Last week a mechanical fault to the transfer conveyor within the Technetium-99m (Tc-99m) generator production facility impacted ANSTO's ability to supply generators to customers. This mechanical fault has not affected other nuclear medicine products from ANSTO.

On many occasions in the past ANSTO has stepped up to provide for the international market when supply provisions have gone down. It's now Australia's turn to put up our hand for help to limit the impact on our customers. Whilst repairs are progressing, ANSTO has placed another order with LMI this morning to ensure supply for next week as well.

ANSTO's specialist engineers will continue to work on repairing the mechanical fault to the transfer conveyor. When we have more information, we will provide an update on when we expect to resume local production.

ANSTO would like to thank LMI and GMS Australia for their support through this process and their commitment to ensuring supply of Technetium-99m to Australian patients.

For more information, please contact your ANSTO customer relations representative on 1800 251 572 or health@ansto.gov.au