

## TC-99m Generator Update – 19 September 2018

It is a priority for our organisation to resume full local production of Tc-99m generators as soon as possible. We apologise for the extended delays.

### **Allocation of generators to hospitals and clinics:**

ANSTO met with the Working Group yesterday and has shared information of our supply. This information is also captured here <https://www.ansto.gov.au/tc-99m-supply-status>

The Working Group will now work with ANSTO to allocate the generators to hospitals and clinics across Australia. This plan should be finalized by tomorrow or Friday at the latest.

Once we have this information we will share with ANSTO customers directly. We will also publish the full delivery schedule on our website once it is available for all to see.

Indirect customers of ANSTO who receive their generators through GMS will be notified, as expected, by GMS. ANSTO will work with GMS to ensure that there is free access to this information to assist with scheduling.

Please keep an eye on our website for the details. We will work to publish these every Thursday or as soon as the distribution schedule is finalized each week.

Thank you again to the members of the Nuclear Medicine Working Group representing **RAINS, ANZSNM, AANMS, NSW Health** and **GMS**, who have worked tirelessly with ANSTO over the last few months to ensuring that the reduced supply of generators gets to those most in need.

### **Local production update:**

ANSTO has continued to gather validation data this week to support the production, safety and quality control improvements that have been implemented. Thank you to our customers for working with ANSTO through this process.

We resumed production on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September, however, have made the decision not to produce generators at ANSTO this week, to ensure the focus is on gathering the required data that will ensure reliable supply.

The OPAL reactor will have a scheduled shut down on September 24<sup>th</sup> 2018 for 5 days. ANSTO will also produce generators locally over this period to assist in filling Australian requirements.

There is an 11 day shutdown of the OPAL reactor scheduled to commence on October 29<sup>th</sup> 2018 and we are working internally on plans to minimise the impact of this.

**Imports from LMI:**

This week ANSTO is expecting to receive 155 generators from LMI. We have placed orders for next week and will continue to order from LMI to ensure supply. As above, this information is located online <https://www.ansto.gov.au/tc-99m-supply-status>

If you have any questions, please contact ANSTO directly on 1800 251 572