

## TC-99m Generator Update – 8 November 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.

Local production over the last week at ANSTO and imported generators has gone according to plan.

### **Generator supply update:**

Supply of generators will generally continue to be made up of a mix of local ANSTO generators and imports from LMI. This week there will be no imported LMI generators.

The total weekly availability of ANSTO manufactured generators will be between 80 and 85. Over the next week these will be the only Tc-99m generators available for delivery to Australian Nuclear Medicine sites:

- 80-85 x ANSTO generators manufactured on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> and Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November
- There will be no imported LMI generators this week as previously advised

The scheduled November shutdown for OPAL began on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October and was completed today as planned.

The Working Group has provided a prioritised plan for the distribution of generators this week and all customers will be contacted in accordance with that plan, once specific generator numbers are available.

For the week starting Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> November, based on expected yields from the Mo-99 batches on the 13<sup>th</sup> and the 15<sup>th</sup> November, we plan to export to LMI and boost the number of gens to approx. 120 out of 133 (approximately 90%).

In summary the expectations for the remaining two weeks impacted by the OPAL shutdown are below:

Week commencing Sunday 11 November	Slightly over 60% confirmed based upon available Mo-99
Week commencing Sunday 18 November	90% supply expected for this week

A summary of total generators available is located here and is being updated weekly  
<https://www.ansto.gov.au/tc-99m-supply-status>

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

ANSTO met with the Working Group on Wednesday and has shared information of our supply.

The available generators for the week commencing 11th November 2018 have been allocated and ANSTO will contact customers directly to confirm these arrangements.

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 continue to publish these every Thursday or as soon as the distribution schedule is finalised 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.

### **We want to hear from you**

Please see our ANSTO website and take the opportunity to share your feedback with us on this matter. We are interested in hearing from you and receiving constructive feedback on how we can better support you, our customers, during this difficult time.

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