

TC-99m Generator Update – 15 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 has been better than expected due to an earlier restart of OPAL following completion of the scheduled November shutdown. The import of generators has gone according to plan.

Generator supply update:

Supply of generators will continue to be made up of a mix of local ANSTO generators and imports from LMI.

Over the next week the following Tc-99m generators are available for delivery to Australian Nuclear Medicine sites:

- 73 x ANSTO generators manufactured on Thursday 15 November and Sunday 18 November
- LMI generators arriving on 18 November (delivery to sites on Monday 19 November and Tuesday 20 November) 38 x 5 Ci, 10 x 7.5 Ci and 8 x 15 Ci.

This equates to 129 generators out of 133 (approximately 97%).

The Working Group has provided a prioritised plan for the distribution of generators in the week commencing Sunday 18 November 2018.

For the week starting Sunday 18 November, based on expected yields from the Mo-99 batches on 20 and 22 November, we plan to export to LMI and boost the number of generators to 133 (approximately 100% of normal supply).

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 Sunday 18 November 2018 has 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 further 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.