

## UPDATE TC-99m Generator Supply– 9 September 2019

ANSTO has temporarily halted manufacture of bulk Molybdenum 99 (Mo-99) after a mechanical defect preventing the normal operation of a valve was identified in the dissolution cell.

In order to return to service, we will work with those who designed and constructed the facility to safely and predictably rectify the issue.

The priority is to ensure the safe return to operations once the mechanical defect is rectified. More detail will be circulated when the timeline for this correction is known.

Tc-99m generators scheduled for delivery today, Monday 9 September have been distributed as planned.

At this stage, we anticipate there will be a significant shortage for deliveries at the end of this week and into next week. An emergency supply protocol will be initiated for supply for the week of 16 September with more detail to follow.

If possible, please look for opportunities to bring patient bookings forward from next week to this week to minimize the impact on patients.

The Nuclear Medicine Working Group with representation from **ANSTO, RAINS, ANZSNM, AANMS, NSW Health** and **GMS**, has now been convened. This Group will make a recommendation to ANSTO on the distribution of Tc-99m Generators during the shortage.

A more detailed distribution plan for next week will be shared over the next few days but we wanted to provide an early notification to assist where possible in this difficult period.

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