

## UPDATE TC-99m Generator Supply– 10 September 2019

Work continues to repair the mechanical fault within the new Mo-99 Manufacturing Facility. ANSTO is collaborating with the designers and those who constructed the facility to progress repairs.

A Nuclear Medicine Working Group (NMWG) met with ANSTO this morning. Our shared focus is on minimizing the impact of the anticipated shortage of Tc-99m generator on Australian patients.

Based on information provided by ANSTO, the NMWG will make a recommendation on a revised distribution plan to share supply to patients around the country as equitably as possible.

The distribution plan will be published today on the ANSTO website and all customers will be directly notified, GMS customers will be advised by GMS.

ANSTO would like to acknowledge the support of the members of the Nuclear Medicine Working Group with representation from **RAINS, ANZSNM, AANMS, NSW Health, GMS**.

To help minimize the impact on patients, this Group will continue to make recommendations to ANSTO on the distribution of Tc-99m Generators until regular manufacturing of Mo-99 is restored.

ANSTO has a team of people working to repair the issue in the cell. At this time we are unable to estimate when the problem will be fixed.

In anticipation that this might not be able to be repaired quickly, ANSTO has begun to reach out to our international partners to explore the opportunity to import bulk Mo-99 to support supply whilst repairs are underway.

We will keep the NMWG and customers up to date on our plans to fix the fault, and on progress on mitigation plans.

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