

CUSTOMER STATEMENT

Wednesday, 28 August 2019

Notification of ANSTO Planned Maintenance Shutdown

OPAL Reactor

We would like to advise customers that ANSTO will undertake planned extended maintenance on the OPAL reactor from **8 September to 16 September, 2019**. The OPAL reactor typically operates in cycles of 30 to 35 days followed by short (four to six day) outages to refuel and perform minor maintenance.

We had been planning for OPAL to have a extended (once every five years) shutdown over September/October 2019. However, ANSTO made the decision to postpone the shutdown due to limitations with alternative international supply of Mo-99 and I-131. To ensure that the impact on Australian patients is as minimal as possible, in lieu of the longer extended maintenance shutdown, a shorter nine day shutdown is taking place. It is anticipated that there will now only be minimal impact on supply to Australian patients. There are some changes to order cut-off times and availability of I-131 that will apply, as detailed below.

Iodine-131 (I-131) Capsules and Solutions

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2019

SEPTEMBER 16 CALIBRATION		SEPTEMBER 23 CALIBRATION		OCTOBER 7 CALIBRATION	
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
9	10	11	12	13	ORDERS TO BE PLACED BY 3PM
16	17	18	19	20	ORDERS TO BE PLACED BY 3PM NO BULK EXPORT
23	24	25	26	27	ORDERS TO BE PLACED BY 4PM 24 SEPTEMBER 2019 NO BULK EXPORT
30	1	2	3	4	*NO PRODUCT CALIBRATED TO THIS DATE. ORDERS TO BE PLACED BY 1PM NO BULK EXPORT
7	8	9	10	11	ORDERS TO BE PLACED BY 1PM NO BULK EXPORT NO EXPORT CAPSULES/SOLUTION
					RETURN TO USUAL SUPPLY



Gentech® Tc-99m Generators

There will be minimal impact to the delivery of Gentech® Generators to Australian sites during the shutdown. There is a chance that there will be a small number of Tc-99m generator deliveries due for Friday, 20 September that will need to be delayed to Monday, 23 September. ANSTO will ensure that any sites impacted are those that are currently receiving an early delivery on Friday, due to ANSTO's changed production schedules. These customers will be directly contacted by ANSTO should this occur.

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