



## **UPDATE Tc-99m Generator Supply– 13 September 2019**

ANSTO has made some solid progress towards rectifying the issue but at this stage, we are still unable to estimate the time to fix the mechanical fault.

We are now removing irradiated material from inside the dissolution cell. As you will understand, this needs to be done safely and methodically, and in close consultation with ARPANSA. Only after we've safely removed the material can we progress to work on the repairs to the faulty valve.

There are currently four teams working in parallel to progress options to rectify the mechanical issue safely. A separate team is in daily contact with our international partners to source bulk Mo-99 from overseas.

As advised yesterday, ANSTO has secured a limited supply of Mo-99 from international suppliers which will be available from next week for three weeks, and are in the process of negotiating more to cover the longer term if necessary.

ANSTO is also working with federal authorities, the states and the nuclear medicine community to ensure that the medicine we obtain can make it into clinical settings as soon as it is cleared to do so.

Thank you to everyone in the nuclear medicine community, and in particular the Nuclear Medicine Working Group, with representation from RAINS, ANZSNM, AANMS, NSW Health, TGA and GMS, who are helping ensure that the reduced amount of nuclear medicine gets to areas needed most.

We apologise to everyone who has been impacted by this issue. There are many people working tirelessly across ANSTO, across the Nuclear Medicine Working Group and throughout the wider community, including partners around the world to help minimise that impact."

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