



## Radiopharmaceutical Substitution Journal Articles

Dear Member

Further to our advice on 16 September that the Commonwealth Department of Health has approved a number of substitution MBS items, to apply initially for three months during the current technetium supply crisis, please see the following links to abstracts/papers that may be of assistance to those practices able to use substitute tracers. These are:

[68Ga PET/CT Ventilation-Perfusion Imaging for Pulmonary Embolism: A Pilot Study with Comparison to Conventional Scintigraphy \\*](#)

68Ga MAA - Investigations into a potential PET Lung Perfusion Agent (Paper attached [here](#))

Please also find linked [here](#) the SNM NaF bone scan procedure guidelines approved by the Board of SNM 4 June 2010 and published in JNM Vol.51, No 11, November 2010, which have also been endorsed by EANM.

I am also including a link to the abstract for: [Ga-68 EDTA Renal Imaging \(Seminars in Nuclear Medicine 2016\) \\*](#), although please note that this substitution has not been approved by the Department of Health at this time.

The AANMS is pressing for substitutions for renal and infection imaging to be included in the substitution arrangements and is in continuing discussions with the Department of Health on this and related matters.

I would like to thank Prof Michael Hofman from Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre (PMCC), Melbourne, for assisting with references to these papers.

The AANMS will also be working with radiochemists and will disseminate information about manufacturing substitute PET items when this becomes available.

Kind regards

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