



Kidney dialysis outlook bad news for NT health budget

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The Australian Kidney Foundation says it expects a 70 per cent increase in kidney dialysis patients in the Northern Territory in the next five years.

The foundation's Tim Mathew says the Territory has three times the number of patients on dialysis than the rest of Australia.

Mr Mathew says the increase will have a significant impact on the Territory's economy.

"I think everybody has to be alarmed by that projection because it eats up so much money for a start," he said.

"Every person on dialysis costs something like \$100,000 a year just to support, and in terms of an area like the Northern Territory that creates a big hole in the health budget."

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