



Hospital water problems force dialysis rescheduling

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Problems with the Alice Springs Hospital's dialysis machine have forced patients to have their sessions rescheduled for the second time in a month.

Technical problems arose after the water supply to the hospital was disrupted on Friday when construction workers struck a pipe.

The service is expected to reopen tomorrow, and dialysis patients have been asked to call the hospital to find out their new appointment time.

A cut in water supply also saw the service shut down several weeks ago.

The hospital's general manager, Vicki Taylor, says a technician will repair the machine tonight and find out exactly what is wrong.

"This is not something that we expect to happen regularly," she said.

"In the two-and-a-half years that I've been at the hospital, this is the first time it's happened, and I think it's unfortunate that it's occurred so close to each other."

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