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Faulty Air Conditioning Chiller At Charlotte Kimelman Cancer Institute Causing Disruption

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ST THOMAS -- A faulty chiller has caused a malfunction in the air conditioning system within the Charlotte Kimelman Cancer Institute, located at the Roy Lester Schneider Hospital, a press release R.L.S.H. issued on Tuesday has made known.

The facility's management personnel, along with the manufacturer's representative, have been working diligently to bring the unit back online, according to the release. Technicians have identified several faulty parts which needed to be replaced, but the parts were not available locally and had to be procured outside the territory. The AC unit is expected to be back in operation by Thursday, according to the release.

"We work round the clock to provide quality patient care, but we are doing so within the confines of an aging infrastructure that requires daily maintenance and in some cases replacement of systems," said RLSH CEO Bernard A. Wheatley. "It is anticipated that by January 2017, a new chiller will be installed to replace the existing unit that has been in place for more than ten years."

Dr. Wheatley thanked the center's patients for their patience and expressed his sincere appreciation to the staff for their commitment, the release stated.

"Our top priority is for patient care and comfort," Dr. Wheatley added. "We are doing all we can to ensure patient care is provided in as comfortable an environment as possible, while we address the issues with the CKCI air conditioning unit. I would like to thank the staff for their diligence and our patients for bearing with us as we resolve the A/C issues."

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