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Argentinian president Fernandez leaves hospital

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USPA News - Argentinean President Cristina Fernández de Kirchner was released from hospital on Sunday, exactly a week after she was hospitalized and diagnosed with an intestinal infection, her doctors said, adding that she will continue her treatment at home. Dr. Marcelo Ballesteros and Dr. Daniel Fernandez said that Kirchner, who is 61, was discharged from hospital on Sunday after her condition had continued to improve over the weekend.

They said the president would continue her recovery at home by taking antibiotics, a special diet and rest. Kirchner was also ordered to stay at home for at least 10 days, they added. Kirchner was suffering from a fever and stomach pains when she was hospitalized at Otamendi Clinic in the capital Buenos Aires on November 2. Her doctors initially described her illness as an "infectious fever" but later said the president was suffering from a bacterial infection of the colon. Kirchner has experienced a number of health issues during her term as president and underwent surgery several times. She was required to take two days off work last month due to pharyngitis and she was forced to cancel a trip to Paraguay in July due to a sore throat and laryngitis, which kept her at home for about a week. The president also underwent surgery in October 2013 and was six weeks off work after a head injury caused intracranial hematoma. She further underwent surgery in January 2012 after being diagnosed with thyroid cancer, but a subsequent examination of the gland revealed that she had been misdiagnosed, although follicular adenoma was found. Kirchner, the widow of former President Néstor Kirchner, was first elected president in October 2007, becoming Argentina's first elected female president. She won re-election in October 2011 with 54.1 percent of the vote. She will not be able to run in next year's election due to a constitutional limit that allows no more than two consecutive terms in a row.

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