

# Artificial Kidney From Navy Hospital Saves Mother, 19

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Mrs. Audrey Reed, who recently reached for a bottle of stomach medicine but grabbed poison by mistake, would probably be dead today were it not for Oakland Naval Hospital's artificial kidney.

The poison, bichloride of mercury, attacked the 19 year old mother's kidneys to such an extent that they were not able to remove poisonous waste products.

In desperation, doctors at March Air Force Base in Riverside, Calif., where the young woman's husband is an airman, flew her to Oakland Naval Hospital.

The artificial kidney was put to work on the ninth day of her illness and by the fourteenth day her own kidneys were able to resume their work.

Last week Mrs. Reed was flown back to the air base hospital, where she will convalesce near her family.

She as well as Navy doctors credit the kidney with saving her life.