

2 Russians venture into open space from Space Station

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Two Russian crewmembers on the International Space Station have begun a spacewalk to conduct scientific research and help maintain the orbiting outpost.

Oleg Kononenko and Alexey Ovchinin will retrieve [scientific experiments](#) that were mounted on the station's exterior and perform necessary maintenance.

The spacewalk is expected to last 6 ½ hours. It's the fifth one for Kononenko, and the first one for Ovchinin.

Their crewmates—NASA's Anne McClain, Nick Hague and Christina Koch, and David Saint-Jacques of the Canadian Space Agency—are watching their progress from inside the orbiting outpost.

Kononenko is set to return to Earth with McClain and Saint-Jacques next month following a six-and-a-half-month stint in orbit. Ovchinin will replace him as the station's commander.

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