

Ruby Condition Same

The initial shock over news of Jack Ruby's cancer calmed, the routine of brief news bulletins continued Tuesday as the 55-year-old convicted slayer passed his 12th day in Parkland Hospital.

Late afternoon word from Sheriff Bill Decker's office was that "medicines were administered into the chest tubes today to enhance control of the drainage to the chest space.

"Mr. Ruby's condition remains otherwise unchanged and he is resting well."

It was the accumulation of fluid in Ruby's right chest that first sent him to Parkland on Dec. 9, with pneumonia suspected. Discovery of cancer in a lymph node in his neck was discovered and reported the following day. Other tumor sites have been found subsequently.

Reports since then have disclosed that, while the fluid accumulation in the chest space has decreased, the chest tubes

are still necessary for drainage.

Earlier reports Tuesday noted that the tubes have also been repositioned to "enable better drainage of fluids in the right chest."