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Wallace's Condition Improves

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Physicians attending Alabama Gov. George C. Wallace at Holy Cross Hospital in Silver Spring yesterday made two small incisions to drain pus which had accumulated in two areas "as anticipated," according to an official medical bulletin.

Wallace, recovering from gunshot wounds suffered May 15 which have left him paralyzed from the waist down, showed "immediate improvement and a marked reduction in abdominal pain" after the two areas were drained, the bulletin said.

For the first time since his operation, Wallace fed himself yesterday, according to his press secretary, Billy Joe Camp. The governor ate a breakfast of Cream of Wheat, toast, apple sauce and milk, Camp said.

In addition, Camp said, Wallace was able to bathe himself "about the face, arms and chest" yesterday for the first time since his operation. Camp said a trapeze bar has been installed above the governor's bed "whereby he can pull himself off the bed — the upper part (of his body)" Camp said the bar permitted the governor to exercise himself and to help nurses attending him when it becomes necessary to move him.

The medical bulletin said that the governor's condition remains "stable" with his temperature, blood pressure and kidney function all normal. "Bowel function is improving each day." No decision has been made on where or when Wallace will be transferred from Holy Cross, the bulletin said.

Holy Cross officials said they have received many bomb threats since Wallace has been there. Persons coming into the hospital, now open only to physicians, staff and the immediate family of patients, must be checked thoroughly at the entrance. A bomb squad has been stationed at the hospital, but no bombs have been found.

Wallace still is being guarded by Secret Service agents as well as his own personal bodyguards.