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Too Late for Surgery, Ruby Doctor Reports

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Dallas, Dec. 13 (UPI) — Both surgery and radiation treatment have been ruled out in Jack Ruby's cancer and drugs are the only possible means left to save the life of the once-convicted killer of Lee Harvey Oswald, a physician at Parkland hospital said today.

Dr. Jack Barnett, a specialist in internal medicine at Southwestern Medical school in Dallas, said there will be no exploratory surgery.

Find It's Widespread

Dr. Barnett said in a press conference that cancer has been found in the wall and the lining of Ruby's chest in addition to the lymph node on his neck, where it was first discovered.

In addition, Barnett said, there are nodules in both of Ruby's lungs that have been detected by X-ray and which may be cancerous.

A hospital bulletin said Ruby was "free of pain except for mild discomfort" with a chest drainage tube. "During periods when he is not involved in diagnostic programs he reads or watches television."

New Trial Ordered

Ruby was convicted in 1964 and sentenced to death for killing Oswald, the alleged assassin of President Kennedy, in the basement of the Dallas police station, two days after the Nov. 22, 1963, slaying of the President.

An appeals court this year reversed both conviction and sentence, and a new trial had been ordered in Wichita Falls,



Dr. Jack Barnett

Tex., probably in February.

Studies of Ruby's intestinal tract and pancreas were being made today to determine whether the cancer spread over his body from those areas.