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Doctors Now State Ruby Is Weakening

DALLAS, Dec. 21 (UPI)—Doctors treating cancer-stricken Jack Ruby admitted for the first time today that Ruby was weakening.

Dr. Eugene Frenkel, head of the team administering chemotherapy to Ruby, said, however, that Ruby's weakening "is very minute and difficult to see."

There was no change in Ruby's official condition. The hospital still listed the slayer of Lee Harvey Oswald, who was accused of killing President Kennedy, as in serious condition.

Frenkel said tests revealed that drugs being given Ruby in an attempt to starve the cancer cells had apparently touched off some hemorrhaging in the patient's intestines.

Frenkel also said Ruby might require some blood transfusions, but that very little blood would be needed.

Surgery and radiation treatments have been ruled out in combating Ruby's cancer. Doctors have said the cancer is too widespread for those techniques to be of any use. Ruby's cancer is believed to be spread through both his lungs and his pancreas.