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Ruby's Tests Almost Over

Dallas, Tex.

Diagnostic studies are near an end for cancer-stricken Jack Ruby, doctors announced last night. Earlier, one of his doctors expressed

further doubt that Ruby can survive.

The Parkland Hospital report said Ruby's condition was unchanged, and that his diagnosis should be complet-

ed by noon today.

The ultimate diagnosis will indicate whether Ruby can face a new trial in the slaying of Lee Harvey Oswald.

A member of the staff

treating Ruby said chemical treatment—the only treatment suitable in Ruby's case—is rarely successful in curing cancer such as Ru-

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Doctors Fight To Save Ruby's Life

Dallas

Jack Ruby's doctors began treating him with cancer-retarding drugs yesterday, hoping to halt further spread of the disease.

They offered no hope of curing the cancer, already advanced to where surgery or radiation cannot help. But they said they hope the drugs will starve the cancer cells.

At a news conference, Drs. Jay Sanford and Eugene Frankel of Southwestern Medical School said it is difficult to keep Ruby's morale high "when he reads he's a goner." Ruby, 55, reads many newspapers and is an almost constant television viewer.

"I think Ruby feels he has a chance," said Dr. Sanford, and added that he and the other doctors have "tried to give him this impression because we feel his attitude is important in fighting to live."

"We believe he has a chance also," added Dr. Frankel. "If we didn't we wouldn't be treating him as vigorously as we are."

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More Drugs To Slow Ruby Cancer

Dallas

Jack Ruby yesterday got the second dose of a drug designed to slow the spread of cancer through his body.

A bulletin from Parkland Hospital said the condition of the 55-year-old Ruby, a striptease club operator who killed presidential assassin Lee Harvey Oswald, "remains stable and unchanged."

"His chemotherapy (drug) treatments are continuing and additional treatments are not anticipated at this time," the bulletin said.

Cancer cells from a big tumor in Ruby's lungs or pancreas have spread through much of his body. His cancer is beyond reach of surgery or radiation.

The drug he is taking is 5-fluorouracil, which slows the spread of cancer by starving malignant cells. It will be administered intravenously every day for a week.

Then Ruby will get the drug every other day until he shows some benefit from it or until his physicians are convinced there is no point in going on.

Ruby's lawyers may discuss getting their client admitted to bail in a conference this weekend.

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