

Bob Dole

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SUCCESSFUL SURGERY FOR SENATOR DOLE: EXCELLENT PROGNOSIS

WASHINGTON -- Senate Republican Leader Bob Dole (R-Kansas) underwent successful prostate surgery today at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C.

According to the Senator's surgeons, his prostate gland contained a slow growing cancer and was removed during a standard operation that lasted two-and-a-half hours. The cancer was described as small and clinically localized within the gland. Senator Dole's physicians said the surgery demonstrated that there was no evidence of disease outside the prostate and that his prognosis for a complete recovery is excellent.

They emphasized that the Senator's robust physical condition and very early detection of the prostate problem were extremely positive factors in the Senator's recovery prospects.

Senator Dole is now resting comfortably in a Walter Reed recovery room where he will probably remain until Thursday morning. He is expected to be hospitalized about a week.

The surgery was performed by a team of three surgeons, led by Colonel David G. McLeod, M.D., Chief of the Urology Service at Walter Reed. He was assisted by Dr. Raymond Stutzman, former Chief of Urology at Walter Reed, and currently a urologic surgeon at Baltimore's Johns Hopkins Medical Institute. Dr. Stutzman is a native of Wakeeney, Kansas, who also helped perform successful kidney surgery on Senator Dole in 1981, as did Dr. McLeod. Major Judd W. Moul, M.D., a urologic oncologist at Walter Reed, also assisted in the procedure.

Senator Dole was accompanied at the hospital today by his wife Elizabeth and his daughter Robin.

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