

Cuban Doctor Undergoing Ebola Treatment Making Progress



Geneva, November 26 (RHC)-- Cuban doctor Felix Baez, who contracted the Ebola virus in Sierra Leone, is making progress as the presence of the virus in his blood has significantly reduced, according to the medical team assisting him at Geneva's Cantonal Hospital.

"He has improved in a significant way. He has no fever and he has begun eat," said the head of the intensive care unit Jerome Pugin, who is in charge of the medical treatment.

In a recent telephone conversation with Granma newspaper, the director of Havana's Pedro Kouri Tropical Medicine Institute, Doctor Jorge Perez said from Geneva that the Cuban doctor is receiving very good attention.

The Geneva University Hospital is releasing all information about the progress of the Cuban doctor, who was taken to that medical institution at the proposal of the World Health Organization.

Three doctors and nine nurses are in charge of the Cuban doctor 24 hours a day, along with specialists in different medical disciplines, while security protocols are being implemented to prevent any exposure by the medical personnel.

The head of the Intensive Care Unit at the hospital, Doctor Jerome Pugin recently said that the patient is being administered two experimental pharmaceuticals that have proven favorable in other Ebola patients. One of the drugs is based on anti-bodies and is similar to Z-Mapp, a Canadian treatment against Ebola and the other is a Japanese anti-viral medication.

Given the spread of Ebola in Africa, the World Health Organization approved the administration of experimental treatments to fight the virus.

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