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The hospitalization of Dr Félix Báez at the University Hospitals of Geneva continues under good conditions; his health status is improving

Since his admission to the University Hospitals of Geneva (HUG) on the night of 20 to 21 November 2014, Dr Félix Báez is receiving the best care and treatments available. Infected by the Ebola virus and repatriated from Sierra Leone, his condition is improving since Monday 24 November, and the medical team is reasonably optimistic. Although the evolution of his status is still uncertain, analyses have shown a significant decrease of the virus concentration in his blood. All measures continue to be taken to ensure the safety of all patients at the hospital, as well as the personnel in charge of his care.

Hospitalized in a special room in an isolated area of the hospital, Dr Félix Báez is getting better and is starting to regain strength. He responds to the administered treatments and test results are encouraging. He continues to be treated only by staff trained for that specific task.

Currently, the care of this patient constantly requires five people, including a specialist in infection prevention, who is in charge of supporting and supervising the dressing and undressing operations of the personnel and of ensuring strict implementation of the institutional recommendations for the management of Ebola patients. The HUG priority is to ensure the safety of all professionals.

To cope with this situation, medical teams have been strengthened. Spontaneously, twenty caregivers specialized in intensive care and working in other areas of the hospital have volunteered. These professionals will join the intensive care unit to provide support for the treatment of other patients. However, they will not intervene in the care of Dr Félix Báez.

Other measures have been taken at the emergencies and anaesthesia departments to reduce the burden on the intensive care unit. These measures allow the hospital to maintain all its services to all patients. *"This outstanding team spirit uniting all professionals at the HUG is remarkable"*, says Bertrand Levrat, Director of the HUG. *"The exceptional mobilization of caregivers demonstrates unwavering professionalism and motivation."*

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The next status report on the condition of Dr Félix Báez will be provided on Friday 28 November, at 17:00 local time.