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Billy Graham Update February 18, 2008

Billy Graham remains in fair condition at Mission Hospitals in Asheville, where he is recovering following a February 13 procedure to replace the valve in his brain shunt.

The incision required for the replacement is healing well, and a follow-up CT study has confirmed that the new externally programmable valve is working satisfactorily. It will be gradually regulated over the next week or two, a process that Mr. Graham's neurosurgeon, Ralph C. Loomis, MD, says can be done at home.

The 89 year-old evangelist did well over the weekend. He continues to increase his walking regimen, and is working with physical therapists to build his strength in preparation for going home.

No date has been set for discharge, but it is expected that it may occur within a few days.

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