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Sgt. Bergdahl Participating in Recovery at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center

LANDSTUHL REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER, Germany – Army Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl continues to progress and is participating in his health care at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center (LRMC), Germany.

The full focus of the Landstuhl medical team remains to provide necessary medical care and a safe environment for his recovery.

Sgt. Bergdahl is in stable condition and receiving treatment from trained and highly capable LRMC providers for conditions requiring hospitalization after almost five years in captivity. Specifics about his medical condition are not releasable in accordance with patient privacy laws as defined in the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act.

Sgt. Bergdahl was returned to the U.S. military May 31 and arrived at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center approximately 9 a.m. on June 1.

During this phase of reintegration, Sgt. Bergdahl is receiving more complete medical exams and will receive formal, structured briefings. An inherent and critical part of the reintegration process is the decompression period that has been established to maximize returnee health and welfare. The decompression process begins in earnest at LRMC.

Reintegration is a very complicated joint operation involving hundreds of people. Operational planners, aircrews, medical professionals, security officers, attorneys, chaplains, and specialists in finance, personnel, public affairs, and logistics are involved in these operations. Family members also assist as he continues the reintegration process.

The goal is to return him to family and society and on the path to complete recovery. However, there is no predetermined timeline for Sgt. Bergdahl's recovery process at LRMC. The duration will continue to be based on the pace of his healing and reintegration process.

Upon completion of his care in Germany, Sgt. Bergdahl will be transported for continued medical care in the United States at San Antonio Military Medical Center in Texas. At least one physician and one psychologist specially trained in survival, escape, resistance and evasion will accompany Sgt. Bergdahl when moving from one phase to the next level of care.

LRMC is the largest U.S. hospital outside the United States and has treated more than 70,000 wounded and ill Servicemembers and civilians from Afghanistan and Iraq. Ongoing combat operations combined with rapid aeromedical evacuation capabilities created a complex military trauma system in which LRMC serves as the sole link between "downrange" care and subsequent care in the United States and in other coalition nations. As a result, LRMC is often referred to as a prism, or center of an hourglass, receiving a mix of patients that LRMC treats and then medically evacuates to appropriate destinations throughout the world.

(Note for media representatives: There is currently no plan for a press briefing or interviews. We will issues updates as they become available.)