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Rome daily *Il Messaggero*, which is considered well informed on Vatican affairs, said in its Friday edition the Pontiff, 84, who suffers from Parkinson's disease, could be back in the Vatican "within 10 days."

On Thursday Vatican spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls gave a more cautious assessment of the Pope's timetable for returning to the Vatican, telling a news conference the Pope's condition "continues to improve and show progress."

He said the wound in the Pope's neck was "healing" after a throat surgery to ease his breathing, but indicated it could be still some weeks before the pontiff is released.

Navarro-Valls said only that it was "possible" he would leave hospital before Easter, which this year falls on March 27.

"It's possible, but I'm not in a position myself to indicate a date," Navarro-Valls told reporters at a news conference, adding that John Paul II "really wants to go home."

Pressed by reporters, he was unwilling to speculate: "I'll tell you that when the doctors say so, but there's still no precise date and I don't want to speculate on a probable date, because it could change—either in a positive or negative way."

According to Italian media reports late Thursday, doctors are expected to make a decision on a discharge date early next week.

Navarro-Valls said the Pope, who is in hospital for the second time since he was rushed to Rome's Gemelli clinic on February 1, "daily follows the activity of the Holy See and the life of the Church" through his contact with "several of his collaborators"—senior cardinals and advisers—who had been visiting him. ♦



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