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This morning, President Ed Ray underwent surgery for treatment related to prostate cancer.

He was diagnosed with the disease in the fall after a routine exam. He began his treatment with neoadjuvant hormonal therapy, a treatment choice which shrinks the prostate tumor to increase success rates of surgery. The surgery, a radical prostatectomy, was performed at Good Samaritan Hospital, Corvallis. President Ray is expected to come home from the hospital after a short stay and will work from home for a few weeks.

While a full recovery is anticipated, he will undergo further testing to ensure that the cancer was confined. The president will return to OSU on a limited schedule within a few weeks before assuming a full workload.

Prostate cancer is the most commonly diagnosed, non-skin cancer in the United States with the incidence increasing steadily after age 55. One in every six men is estimated to develop the disease in his lifetime. This disease, usually one of the slower moving forms of cancer, has a high survival rate when detected early.

The president wants everyone to know that he underwent an aggressive treatment plan and feels positive about his recovery. He looks forward to his return to OSU.

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