

McCaffery updates son's condition

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Iowa head coach Fran McCaffery issued a statement Friday saying the tumor removed from his son Patrick's thyroid was found to be malignant and that discussions about further treatment are ongoing.

Patrick, who turned 14 on March 20, had the procedure done March 19 at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, one week after the McCaffery family went public with his condition. Prior to his surgery, Fran returned to Iowa City from Dayton, Ohio – where the Hawkeyes played their first round NCAA Tournament game against Tennessee on March 19 – to be with his family. Fran then returned to Dayton later that day to coach Iowa's 78-65 loss to the Volunteers.

Below is the statement issued by Fran McCaffery through the UI in its entirety on Friday:

"Today, we received word from doctors that the tumor that was removed during our son Patrick's surgery on Wednesday is malignant. We will visit with doctors as soon as possible to determine Patrick's treatment.

"Margaret and I would like to thank everyone again for the outpouring of support from across the country for our son Patrick and family this past week. We appreciate everyone's thoughts and prayers."