

Pope Leo: I will undergo surgery soon to remove nodule in my lung

Pope Leo XIV reveals that he is set to undergo surgery to remove a “localized nodule in my lung,” noting that it is at “a very early stage and is well-localized.” The operation will take place in the coming days at Rome’s Gemelli Hospital.

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Pope Leo XIV told the faithful gathered for the Angelus on Sunday that his doctors have found a “localized nodule” in his lung and he will be operated on in a few days. The operation will take place at the Agostino Gemelli Polyclinic Hospital in Rome. He added that the nodule was “detected at a very early stage and is well localized.” The Pope said his doctors recommend surgery and he will follow their advice, with the surgery scheduled for the coming days. Pope Leo thanked everyone for their spiritual closeness and entrusted himself to our prayers.

“Dear friends, during some recent medical examinations, the doctors found a small, localized nodule in my lung. It was detected at a very early stage and is well-localized. The doctors believe that it is best to intervene, so, following their advice, I have decided to undergo surgery to remove it. The operation is already scheduled to take place in the coming days. I thank you for your spiritual closeness and entrust myself to your prayers. Thank you, and happy Sunday!”

Responding to journalists' questions, the Director of the Holy See Press Office, Matteo Bruni, specified that "the operation is scheduled for the first days of this week and the estimated post-operative recovery time will be about one week."

