

# Ebola-infected Italian doctor 'recovering'

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An Italian doctor who contracted Ebola in west Africa is recovering but is still in an isolation unit, the specialist clinic in Rome treating him said Monday.

The Spallanzani institute said on Twitter that the 50-year-old medic—who has not been named—was in a "good condition" and was "recovering in isolation".

The father of two was repatriated in November from Sierra Leone with a fever and given an [experimental drug](#) to try to combat the often-deadly virus.

The doctor—who became the first Italian to be infected with Ebola while volunteering for an Italian medical charity fighting the epidemic—can now breathe, walk and eat unassisted.

Ebola, a disease transmitted through the bodily fluids of infected people, can result in death from uncontrollable bleeding and organ failure.

The current Ebola epidemic in west Africa—the worst ever recorded—has so far killed around 7,350 people.

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