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Paul - thanks for the kind words. Here is my first email since surgery.

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For the first time since spinal surgery Monday, I am starting to feel like a human being again and wanted to update you on my progress. Before I do that, however, I wanted to thank everyone for their kind thoughts and good wishes.

It has been a tougher slog than I anticipated. Monday was difficult, with surgery taking longer than expected. Tuesday Post-Op was hard, as your system is flooded with powerful narcotics that create a terrible nausea. I had to ask the Dr to take me off all drugs late in the day and throughout the remainder of my stay to be able to eat again. I was able to get up and move around with a walker - painfully. Wednesday I could eat again and later that night I had enough of the hospital experience and checked out. My in-laws had rented an apartment for the week nearby and I got to sleep in a real bed that night. It was magical and I slept for the first time in 72 hours. Thursday and Friday consisted of walking, sitting and sleeping and finally taking Percocet to take the edge off. It is hard to describe how painful bone on bone pain is, but it can be so intense you can't focus enough to even read the paper, let alone do email.

I'm feeling so much better as each day ends and I couldn't have done it without the love and support of my wonderful wife. She has been there every second along the way and has been my rock. My in-laws have been the best too, always supportive and there for Sara and I despite my mother-in-law's ongoing

battle against lung cancer. I am also extraordinarily grateful to my staff at work, who are the consummate professionals and experts in their field. It's been a tough week for all of you and my thoughts were with you.

I suspect I will get more engaged starting next week - so expect to hear more from me - but incrementally.

Thanks again for all of your support and good wishes.

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