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Ex-President George W. Bush undergoes 2nd knee surgery

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USPA News - Former U.S. President George W. Bush underwent surgery in Chicago over the weekend for a second partial knee replacement, nearly two months after he underwent surgery on his other knee, his spokesman said on Monday, adding that the former leader is recovering well. Bush, 68, underwent a partial knee replacement on his left knee at Rush University Medical Center in Chicago, Illinois, on Saturday morning, said his spokesman Freddy Ford.

The Chicago hospital is home to one of the world's top joint replacement programs and also carried out Bush's partial right knee replacement on May 24. "Both this operation and the partial right knee replacement he had over Memorial Day weekend were outpatient procedures performed by Dr. Richard Berger of Midwest Orthopaedics at Rush," Ford said by email. He said the partial knee replacement was "fully successful" and added that Bush was able to walk around again after just a few hours. "He's doing great," the spokesman said. The former president and his wife Laura landed back in Dallas, Texas, just before noon local time on Monday to continue his recovery at home. "He's looking forward to getting back on his mountain bike in a few weeks," Ford said. Bush, the 43rd President of the United States, was in office from January 2001 until January 2009, when incumbent President Barack Obama took over. Bush previously served as the Governor of Texas and he is also the son of former President H. W. Bush, who was in office from January 1989 until January 1993. Bush had been a longtime competitive runner and exercised regularly during his time in the White House, but knee pain led him to stop running in 2004, forcing him to switch to mountain biking, according to media reports. In August 2013, Bush underwent surgery in Texas to place a stent in a blocked heart artery.

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