

Man with TB out of hospital, quarantine

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DENVER -- The Georgia lawyer, who sparked an international scare when he flew to Europe after being diagnosed with TB, was released from a Denver hospital Thursday. Andrew Speaker, accompanied by his wife and daughter, flew to Georgia by air ambulance with his wife and daughter, William Allstetter, a spokesman with National Jewish Medical and Research Center, said. Speaker spent eight weeks in the hospital after being diagnosed with a multi-drug-resistant form of tuberculosis. "He did call me when he landed in Georgia," Allstetter told the Denver Post. "He had a great flight. He was surrounded by his family. And he was happy to be back in his home state." Speaker was the first person in decades to be subjected to a federal quarantine. But doctors later determined that his form of the disease was not as dangerous as originally diagnosed. In Denver, Speaker was treated with drugs and had part of a lung removed. Allstetter said he poses no danger of contagion and can travel freely.

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