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UB's Bishop may begin rehab next week

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BUFFALO, N.Y. -- A University at Buffalo wrestler who suffered a serious spinal cord injury during the Mid-American Conference championships is off a ventilator and has moved one of his legs for the first time since undergoing surgery.

University officials said Friday that Dan Bishop could be moved from a Saginaw, Mich., hospital to a rehabilitation center next week.

Bishop underwent emergency surgery after being hurt March 6 while competing in a 125-pound semifinal match at Central Michigan University. Doctors said the senior from Whitehall, N.Y., sustained a fracture between two vertebrae and damage to a major artery.

Bishop advanced to the finals with a medical forfeit and finished second in the tournament despite the injury.

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