

Highlands  
Ethiopia, Africa



### Challenging Situations We Faced During This Medical Evacuation

- Language barriers
- Extreme altitude and dangerous terrain
- Chaotic environment
- Scarcity of suitable hospitals in region

## Global Rescue Member Evacuated After Having Stroke

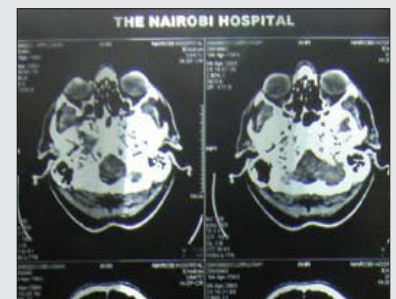


While on a hunting trip in the highlands of Ethiopia, a Global Rescue member suffered a stroke and needed immediate assistance.

The Global Rescue member was hunting in a mountainous region at an elevation of 10,500 feet when his professional hunting guide noticed the member's slurred speech. The member exhibited other signs of an altered mental state with decreased motor function in one side of his body – symptoms that are classic indicators of stroke. Realizing the severity of his client's condition, the professional hunter called Global Rescue and drove him to the nearest medical facility; a poorly

equipped clinic in Addis Ababa. Global Rescue immediately dispatched an air ambulance to the clinic in Addis Ababa, which evacuated him and his hunting party to the best neurological facility in Nairobi, Kenya. There he was met by a deployed Global Rescue paramedic and treated and monitored by a U.S. trained neurosurgeon.

After viewing the CT scans, Global Rescue doctors cleared the member for air travel and he was medically evacuated back to the United States. Further damage or death was avoided by closely monitoring the patient's condition and evacuating him to the U.S.



The patient's x-rays at Nairobi Hospital