

CECOM Medivac 0001
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[Medic arrives on scene]

M: Are you okay? Are you okay?

P: I'm feeling kind of weak. My left arm is numb. I can't feel my fingers.

M: What happened?

P: I was walking along a path and there was an explosion next to me. All I remember is a bright flash. I fell to the ground and I lost feeling in my left arm.

M: Do you have any difficulty breathing?

P: No.

M: We are going to need to remove your clothes to do an examination to see if you have any other injuries.

P: My arm really hurts bad.

M: We are going to place an IV in your arm to give you some pain medication.

P: Thank you.

[M puts in IV and give pain meds]

M: I'm going to need to do a head to toe examination on you. Is that okay?

P: Okay.

M: I'm going to check your head and your neck. I want you to tell me if it hurts anywhere. Did you black out at any time that you know of?

P: No.

M: Tell me if anything hurts.

[M does exam]

P: I can move my last 2 fingers, but not these three.

M: You have a bad injury to your shoulder or your arm. We need to move you to a safe place where there is a facility to treat you.

P: Where are you going to take me?

M: We are going to send you to a US Navy ship.

P: How will I get there?

M: By helicopter and by airplane. But first we need to place a dressing over your wound and immobilize your arm in order to prevent further damage.

[P is airlifted to ship and brought to its medical facility]

D: Welcome to the ship. We will have to reexamine your shoulder and arm. First we need to check your sense of touch. I'm going to touch you with a needle. Please answer 'yes' if you can feel it and 'no' if you cannot. I need you to try to bend your elbow.

P: I can't bend my elbow. I am not able to bend my elbow.

D: Can you bend your wrist?

P: I can bend it a little, but not completely.

D: Can you touch your index finger to your thumb?

P: No. I can move my third and fourth fingers, but not my thumb and index fingers.

D: I am concerned that you have injury to your nerve. You need an operation to remove metal objects, damaged tissue, and to attempt to fix or repair the nerve.

P: [nods head]

[surgery is performed]

D: How are you feeling?

P: My arm still hurts but feels better than it did.

D: We were not able to fix or repair the damaged nerve. It is possible that you could get it repaired in another hospital.

P: Where? How can I get it fixed?

D: We can send you to America to a big hospital.

P: I don't have any money.

D: Don't worry about it. It will be taken care of.