GLOBAL RESCUE CONDUCTS MEDICAL CASE & EVACUATION

While competing in the French Alps, a U.S. Ski Team athlete crashed and shattered her pelvis. As the official medical evacuation provider for the U.S. Ski and Snowboard Teams, Global Rescue was contacted to stabilize and evacuate the patient.

The patient was taken from the slopes by ambulance to a local hospital for stabilization and x-rays. Global Rescue led conference calls with the Team's medical director, the onsite attending physician and Global Rescue's medical personnel to determine the best course of action. The x-rays showed multiple fractures to the skier's pelvis that would require complicated surgery to repair. Global Rescue deployed an operations paramedic to serve as a bedside medical oversight and act as a liaison for the patient and her family during her hospital stay. Upon arrival, Global Rescue's paramedic found the local hospital to be antiquated and ill-equipped to handle the patient's needs.

The patient was not receiving pain medication, nor was she catheterized, which is the standard of care in the U.S. for fractures of this nature. Global Rescue's paramedic immediately intervened to ensure prompt delivery of pain management medications and other critical services. With Global
Rescue's paramedic at her side, she was flown from France to Colorado and brought immediately to her home hospital in Denver for surgery. During the trip, the status of the flight was tracked at the Global Rescue Operations Center and constant updates sent to her coaches and family.

Despite the challenges of language barriers, air restrictions, and poor medical treatment, Global Rescue's intervention ensured better medical care and evacuation.

By deploying a paramedic to the patient's bedside, Global Rescue was able to provide critical medical care to the patient. The risk of additional injury or permanent damage was avoided and she was able to have her surgery at her home hospital in Denver, where she has made a full recovery.