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## A Flying achievement for Air Ambulance Emergency Medical Helicopters

The Sydney Air Ambulance Emergency Medical Helicopter retrieval service has recently celebrated its 1000th aeromedical response.

On Saturday 20 October 2007, a 41 year old male from Double Bay had no idea he would require the service when he went bush walking with friends near Jenolan Caves.

The patient suffered a fractured arm and abdominal injuries after falling approximately 10 metres. Ambulance paramedics and a critical care doctor responded on the Air Ambulance Emergency Medical Helicopter to the scene and were winched down to the patient.

They stabilised him before moving him to a safe environment where he could be winched out. He was then transported to Nepean Hospital in a serious but stable condition.

“This case is a great demonstration of the service that is offered by the Air Ambulance Emergency Medical Helicopter Retrieval Unit” said Dr Michael Novy, Medical Manager of the Aeromedical and Medical Retrieval Service.

“The service offers a timely response and rapid transport of patients who are injured or critically ill to specialist critical care hospitals.”

Since May 2007, the Air Ambulance Emergency Medical Helicopters have been providing a unique service for both retrievals and hospital to hospital transfers.

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