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Seizures - Complications from HACE, Pre-Existing Condition

Washington, Mt. Rainier, Disappointment Cleaver

On August 17 at 5:30 a.m., an RMI guide (Dave Hahn) called Enumclaw dispatch and reported that he was guiding a 19-year-old client who had gone into seizures at the top of Disappointment Cleaver. The patient was short-hauled and then transferred to an air ambulance for definitive care at Harborview Hospital.

Analysis

The patient “had a history of brain tumors.” (Source: Mt. Rainier ranger report.)

(Editor’s note: While not a climbing accident, this report is included to point out the importance of disclosing previous medical conditions to guides and/or fellow climbers.)

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