



Geoff fails your focused spine assessment due to cervical pain and tenderness, tingling in his right arm when he moves his head, an inability to distinguish between pin-prick pain and light touch on his right hand, and noticeable weakness in the motor exams on his right hand.

Under ideal conditions, you would likely place Geoff in a hypothermia package and send for help; unfortunately the situation is far from ideal: With no bivy equipment with you or at the snowmobiles, no cell service, darkness approaching, a storm eminent, and help roughly eight hours away, you are faced with a difficult decision. You can't stay where you are as the area is clearly prone to avalanche and Geoff needs to move to stay warm yet moving Geoff places him at risk for a spinal cord injury should he fall.

Given the circumstances your best option is to send someone to ski to the snowmobiles and go for help. Begin a controlled/assisted self-evacuation with Geoff towards help. Be exceedingly careful that Geoff does not fall again; another fall could be catastrophic.