

DALLAS (AP) - Realizing that a CareFlite helicopter was had engine problems as it attempted a takeoff from a North Texas pital, the pilot put the chopper onto its side on the landing padfloors up.

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The pilot was injured in the impact that shattered the

rotors Wednesday night at Methodist Dallas Medical Center. "All the warning lights came on," said Lt. Jesse Garcia of Dallas Fire-Rescue department. The pilot "knew he was ha problems. He knew he was going to go down. So as a last effor yanked it back and crashed on the landing pad."

The helicopter was also carrying a paramedic and a nurse tried to take off at about 8 p.m. Wednesday to respond to an e gency in Crowley.

"They were lifting off to respond to a scene request and the lost power and rather than go over the side of the building, he are to put the aircraft on its side, which we are very thankful CareFlite spokeswoman Martha Holcomb said.

The pilot was treated in the emergency room for neck and injuries from what investigators called a "hard landing."



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