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Ducks forward Patrick Eaves diagnosed with Guillain-Barré syndrome

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Anaheim Ducks forward Patrick Eaves has been diagnosed with Guillain-Barré syndrome, a condition in which the body's immune system attacks the peripheral nervous system.

The team made the announcement Monday as Eaves, who went to see doctors last week after feeling weak, was admitted to the intensive care unit until his condition stabilized over the weekend.

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The cause of Guillain-Barré syndrome is unknown, but it could be triggered by an infection. Treatment with a mix of antibodies or removing and treating blood plasma can help in therapy. Depending on the severity, recovery could take weeks or longer. Some victims have permanent weakness.

Eaves agreed to a three-year, \$9.45 million contract with the Ducks in the offseason after being traded from the Dallas Stars in late February.

Eaves fit in quickly upon his move over last season, scoring 11 goals in 20 regular-season games. He has one goal in two games this season.

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