## **Medical Evacuation Out of Gaza**

## (1) What you need to know



Severely ill or injured patients needing lifesaving, specialized care unavailable in Gaza can be medically evacuated. The process is supported by the World Health Organization (WHO), in coordination with various stakeholders and health partners.



The Ministry of Health (MoH) and WHO do not charge fees at any stage of the medical evacuation process.

- Do not pay anyone claiming to represent the MoH, WHO, any other United Nations organization or entity to register or prioritize a patient, change or add a companion, or speed up a patient's evacuation process.
- · Only a doctor at a public hospital can refer a patient for consideration for treatment abroad.
- WHO, other United Nations agencies, or any other entities do not select or prioritize patients, nor do they approve referrals for treatment abroad.
- The selection and prioritization of cases requiring treatment abroad is the sole responsibility of the Referral Committee.
- Medical evacuation of patients and wounded on the approved patients list depends on acceptance by host countries and security clearance from the Israeli authorities.
- The safe transfer of patients and their companions outside Gaza is solely organized by WHO in coordination with the relevant stakeholders.
- To report fraud related to medical evacuations, please email: medevac-support-gaza@who.int

Only trust the following WHO numbers when contacted for patient information or updates on medical evacuation.

0562562960 0562562528 0562562787 0562563117 0562562529 0562562576 0562562961 0562562521 0562563116

## Process of medical evacuation



A medical doctor or specialist in Gaza examines the patient and if needed, issues a referral form for treatment abroad.



The patient submits the medical referral form through the patient services desk at the treating public hospital.



The Referral Committee reviews the case, decides the priority and approves the case for medical evacuation.



The hospital sends the referral form to the Referral Committee.



The Referral Committee shares the approved patients list with WHO.



WHO contacts patients to ensure that their medical information and documentation is complete.



WHO submits patient lists to countries that may be open to receiving patients.



Following security clearance, patients are contacted by WHO to facilitate their medical evacuation in coordination with the host country.



The list of patients and their companions, approved for medical evacuation by host countries, is sent to the Israeli authorities for security clearance.

## Patients who have started the medical evacuation process



Scan to check if the Referral Committee has approved your evacuation request. Further updates will be provided once a patient has been selected by the hosting country. Due to the heavy caseload, families are kindly requested to refrain from contacting the Referral Committee or WHO for status inquiries. We appreciate your understanding and patience throughout this process.