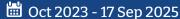
Medical evacuation of Gaza patients





occupied Palestinian territory

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.

Pathway for patient evacuation for medical treatment outside of Gaza



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



The hospital sends the referral form to the Referral Committee.



The Referral Committee shares the approved patients list with 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 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.



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



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



Timeline of medical evacuation

Patients evacuated (7 Oct 2023 - 17 Sep 2025) including 5369 children



Via Kerem Shalom due to Rafah crossing closure



Patients evacuated by

48 Outside of WHO support

227 Children

18 Mar - 17 Sep 25 (Resumption of hostilities)



Patients evacuated by WHO support



458 Children

7 Oct 23 - 6 May 24 (Pre Rafah crossing closure)





4034 Children

19 Jan - 17 Mar 25 (Ceasefire period)



1 29 via Kerem Shalom

Patients evacuated by WHO support



606 Children

15 600 patients still need medical evacuation outside the Gaza Strip.





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WHO's role in supporting medical evacuation



Communicating with patients to collect the necessary medical records and ensure documentation is complete.



Arranging the medical and logistical components for the safe transport of patients.



Obtaining security clearances and coordinating with host countries.



Sharing the list of patients offered treatment and approved for medical evacuation by host countries to Israeli authorities for security clearance.



Managing patient transfer from north to south Gaza, including overnight stay and medical care at collection points and ensuring safe transit outside the Gaza Strip



Advocacy to increase the options for medical evacuation, including with receiving countries.

Top five medical needs evacuated since 7 May 2024



773 trauma



713 oncology



258 ophthalmology



241 congenital anomalies



230 cardiovascular diseases



Top ten referral destinations since October 2023

3995 Egypt

1499 United Arab Emirates

970 Qatar

441 Turkey

325 EU countries

254 Jordan

136 Algeria

73 Tunisia

56 Oman

48 USA

WHO recommendations:

- Increase Member States' acceptance of patients from the Gaza Strip.
- Restore the medical corridor to the West Bank, including East Jerusalem.
- Increase corridors for medical evacuation through Egypt and Jordan.
- Ceasefire.

