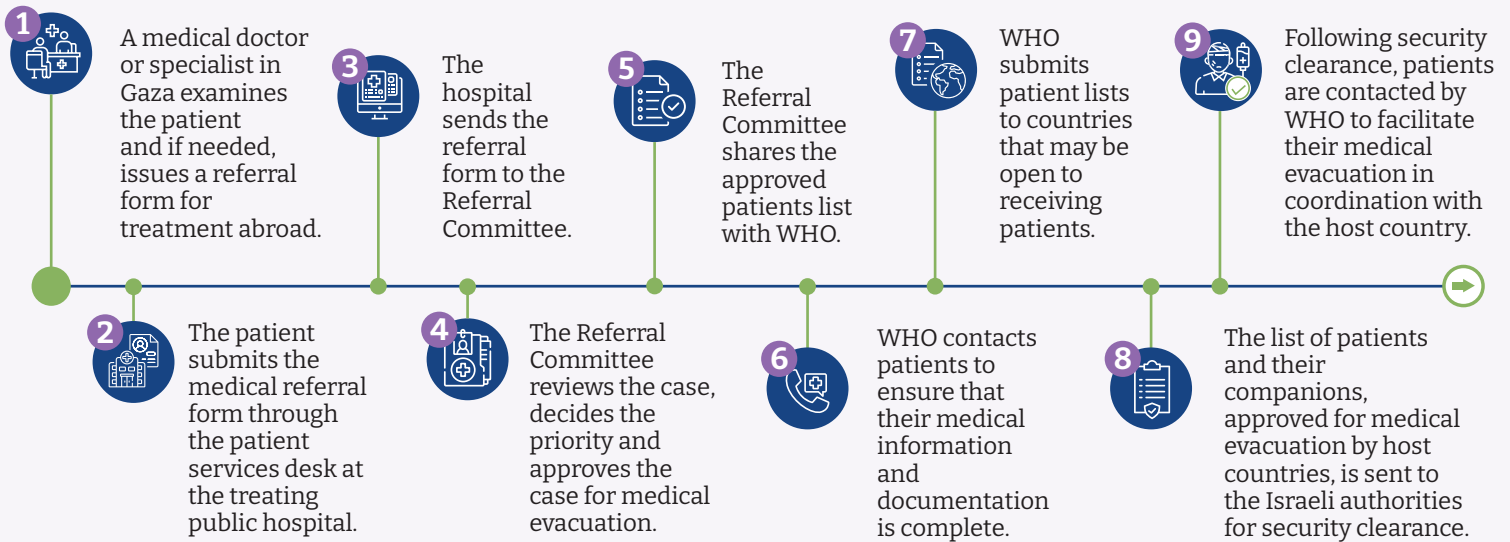


Medical evacuation of Gaza patients

Oct 2023 - 17 Sep 2025

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

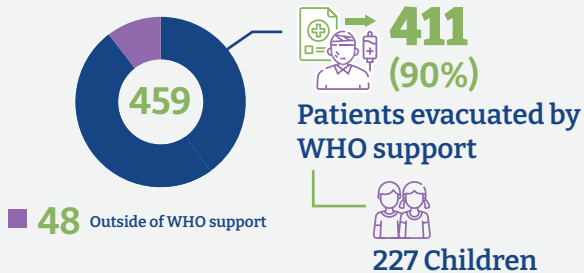


Timeline of medical evacuation

7802 Patients evacuated (7 Oct 2023 - 17 Sep 2025)
including 5369 children

7 May 24 - 18 Jan 25

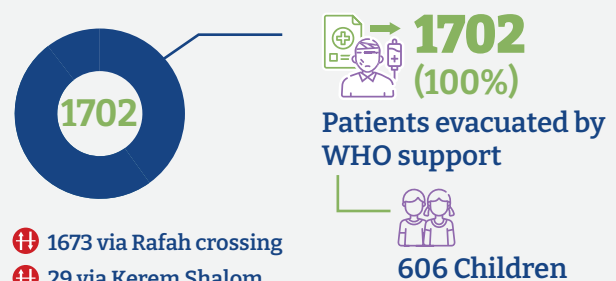
Via Kerem Shalom due to Rafah crossing closure



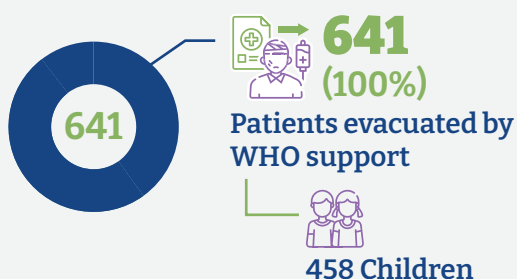
7 Oct 23 - 6 May 24 (Pre Rafah crossing closure)



19 Jan - 17 Mar 25 (Ceasefire period)



18 Mar - 17 Sep 25 (Resumption of hostilities)



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.

