

Medical evacuation of patients from Gaza

Oct 2023 - 12 Feb 2026



Timeline of medical evacuation



10 937 Patients evacuated
including **5770** children



12 740 Companions

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

Medical evacuation via Rafah Crossing



16

Patients evacuated with WHO support

including



16 Children



6802

Companions

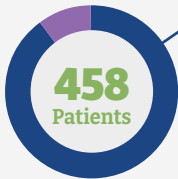
including

27

with WHO support

7 May 24 - 18 Jan 25 (Rafah Crossing closure)

Medical evacuation via Kerem Shalom Crossing



410 (90%)

Patients evacuated with WHO support

including



227 Children



591

Companions

including

591 (100%)

with WHO support

19 Jan - 17 Mar 25 (Ceasefire period)

Medical evacuation via Kerem Shalom and Rafah crossings



1700 (100%)

Patients evacuated with WHO support

including



604 Children



2555

Companions

including

2555 (100%)

with WHO support

⚠ 1672 via Rafah Crossing ⚠ 28 via Kerem Shalom Crossing

18 Mar - 12 Oct 25 (Resumption of hostilities)

Medical evacuation via Kerem Shalom Crossing



680 (100%)

Patients evacuated with WHO support

including



494 Children



1415

Companions

including

1415 (100%)

with WHO support

13 Oct 25 - 12 Feb 26 (Ongoing ceasefire since 10 Oct 25)

Medical evacuation via Kerem Shalom and Rafah crossings



427 (~100%)

Patients evacuated with WHO support

including



353 Children

1 patient — the first since October 2023 — travelled to the West Bank following a Jerusalem District Court ruling.



Via Kerem Shalom Crossing



1188

Companions

including

1188 (100%)

with WHO support

555
Total



127 (100%)

Patients evacuated with WHO support

including



14 Children



Via Rafah Crossing, since 2 Feb 26



189

Companions

including

89 (100%)

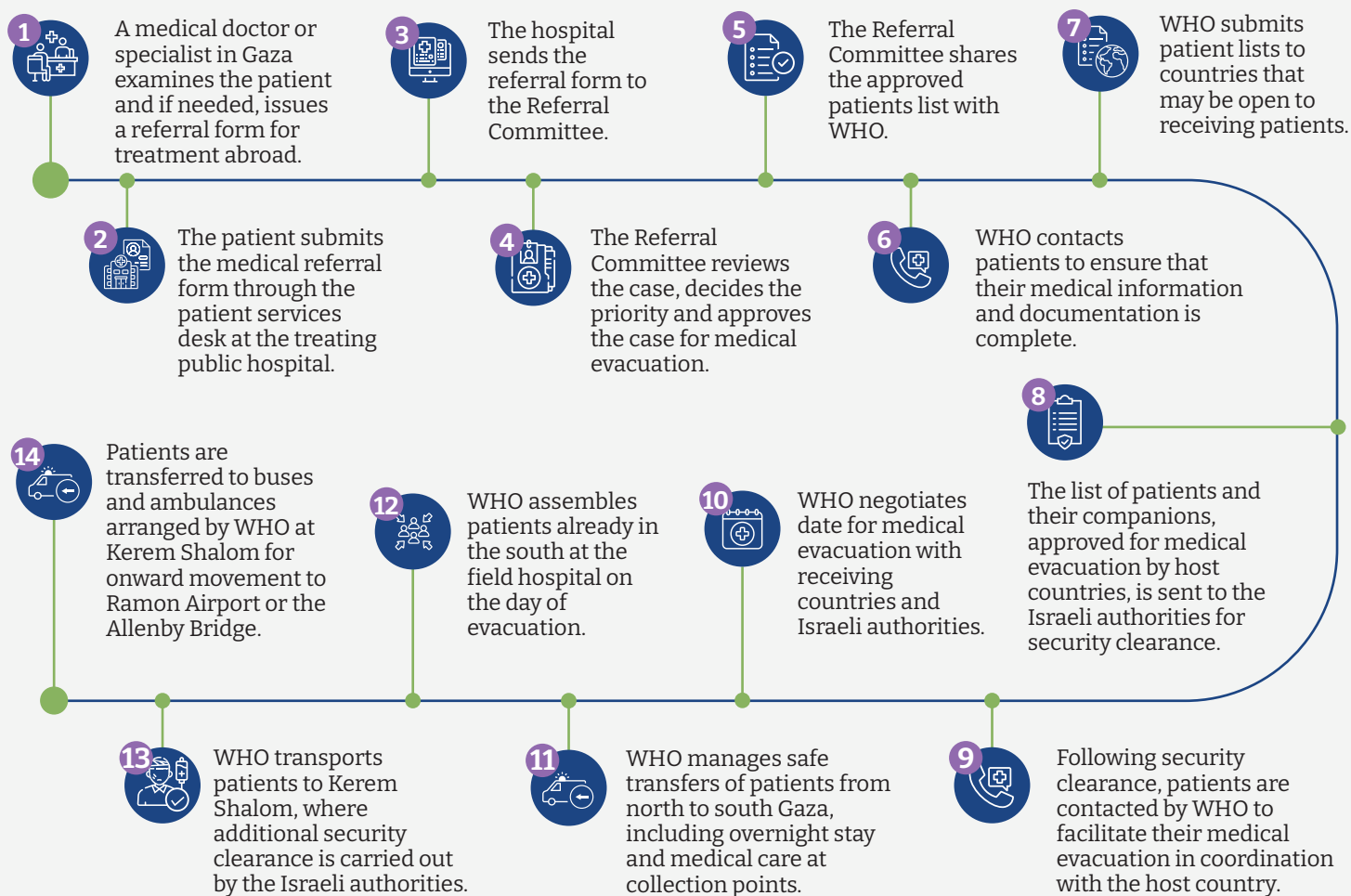
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Over **18 500** patients urgently need medical treatment that is not available in Gaza.

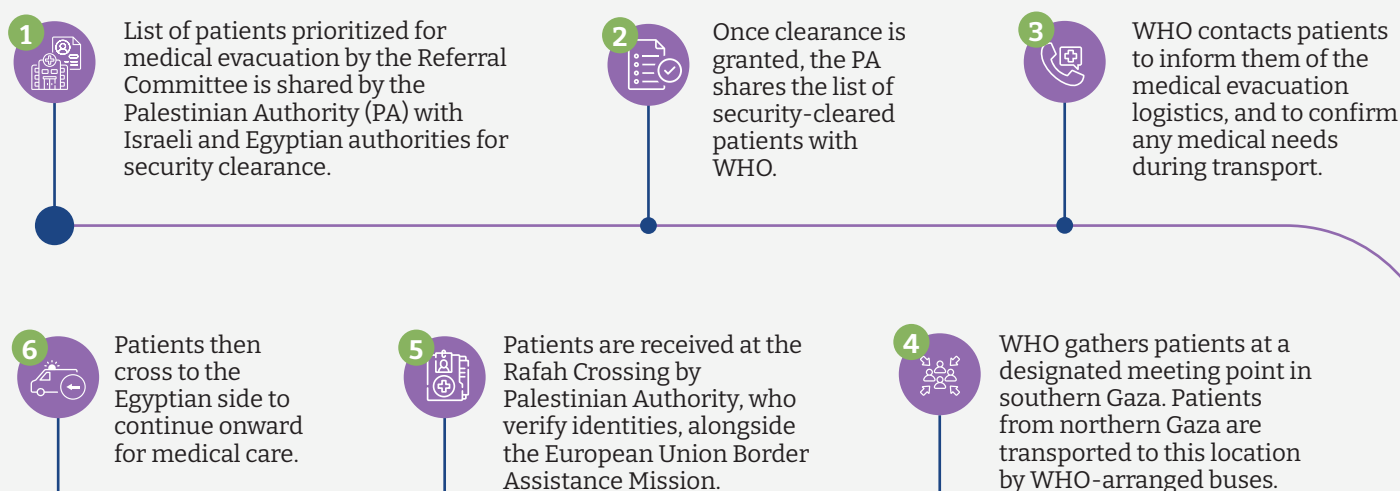
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Pathway for patient evacuation for medical treatment outside Gaza via Kerem Shalom Crossing

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. WHO is not involved in the selection or prioritization of patients approved to exit Gaza for medical evacuation. WHO's role is focused on ensuring the safe, dignified, and orderly transfer of patients from Gaza to the crossings.



Pathway for patient evacuation for medical treatment outside Gaza via Rafah Crossing



Before October 2023 between 50-100 patients were exiting Gaza daily for medical treatment.

Top five medical needs of patients evacuated

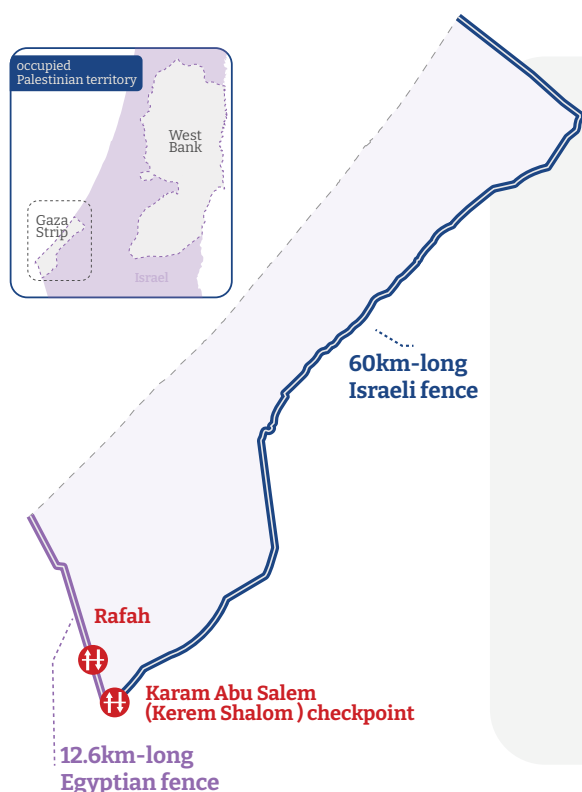
Since 7 May 2024

	1016	Trauma
	823	Oncology
	304	Congenital anomalies
	289	Ophthalmology
	256	Cardiovascular diseases

Top ten referral destinations

Since October 2023

6460	Egypt	449	Turkey
1518	United Arab Emirates	136	Algeria
970	Qatar	100	Uzbekistan
611	EU countries	73	Tunisia
478	Jordan	56	Oman



WHO recommendations:

- Ensure the rehabilitation and rebuilding of Gaza's health system to reduce reliance on medical evacuations. This includes the entry of increased volumes of medical supplies, the rehabilitation of damaged health facilities, and the expansion of essential services.
- Reopen the medical referral route to the West Bank, including East Jerusalem.
- Increase Member States' acceptance of patients from Gaza for treatment in the interim to save lives and reduce preventable morbidity.
- Ensure patients can return to Gaza after completion of treatment, and that this takes place in a dignified and orderly manner.

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