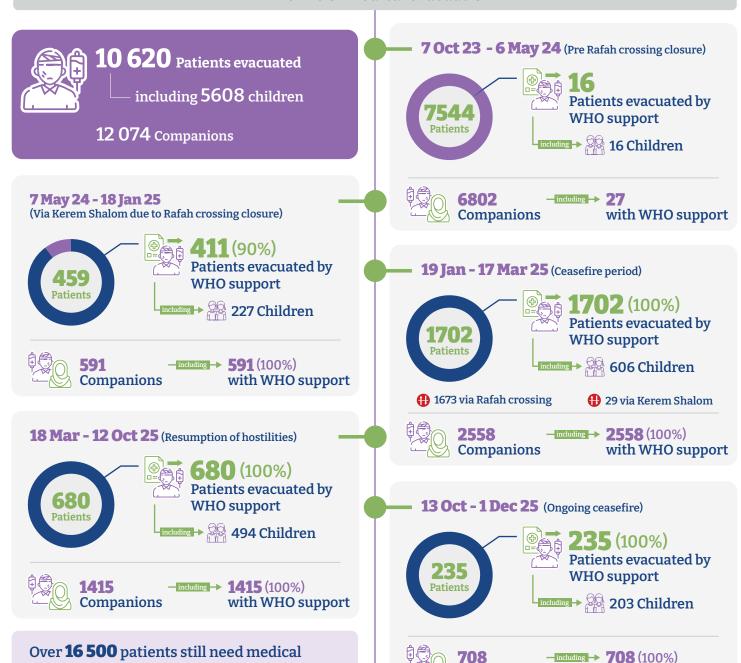
Medical evacuation of Gaza patients

diam'r Oct 2023 - 1 Dec 2025



with WHO support

Timeline of medical evacuation



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Top five medical needs evacuated

evacuation outside the Gaza Strip.

since 7 May 2024



879 trauma



759 oncology



272 congenital anomalies



269 ophthalmology



247 cardiovascular diseases

Top ten referral destinations

Companions

since October 2023

6334	Egypt	377	Jordan
1519	United Arab Emirates	136	Algeria

970 Qatar 73 Tunisia

Turkey 56 Oman

553 EU countries **48** USA

Pathway for patient evacuation for medical treatment outside of Gaza

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.



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.



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



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.



Patients are transferred to buses and ambulances arranged by WHO at Kerem Shalom for onward movement to Ramon Airport or the Allenby Bridge.



WHO assembles patients already in the south at the field hospital on the day of evacuation.



WHO negotiates date for medical evacuation with receiving countries and Israeli authorities.

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



WHO transports patients to Kerem Shalom, where additional security clearance is carried out by the Israeli authorities.



WHO manages safe transfers of patients from north to south Gaza, including overnight stay and medical care at collection points.



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



60km-long Israeli fence

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.
- Scale-up of medical evacuations up to 50 patients per day plus companions, in line with the previous ceasefire.



