

Medical evacuation of patients from Gaza

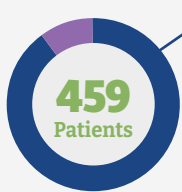
Oct 2023 - 26 Jan 2026

Timeline of medical evacuation



10 762 Patients evacuated
including **5715** children
12 398 Companions

7 May 24 - 18 Jan 25 (Rafah Crossing closure)
(Medical evacuation via Kerem Shalom Crossing)



411 (90%)
Patients evacuated with
WHO support
including **227** Children



591 Companions
including **591** (100%)
with WHO support

18 Mar - 12 Oct 25 (Resumption of hostilities)
(Medical evacuation via Kerem Shalom Crossing)



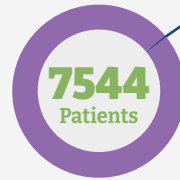
680 (100%)
Patients evacuated with
WHO support
including **494** Children



1415 Companions
including **1415** (100%)
with WHO support

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

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

19 Jan - 17 Mar 25 (Ceasefire period)
(Medical evacuation via Rafah and Kerem Shalom crossings)



1702 (100%)
Patients evacuated with
WHO support
including **606** Children



1673 via Rafah Crossing **29** via Kerem Shalom Crossing



2558 Companions
including **2558** (100%)
with WHO support

13 Oct - 26 Jan 26 (Ongoing ceasefire since 10 Oct 25)
(Medical evacuation via Kerem Shalom Crossing)



376 (100%)
Patients evacuated with
WHO support
including **310** Children

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



1032 Companions
including **1032** (100%)
with WHO support

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Top five medical needs of patients evacuated

Since 7 May 2024



914 Trauma



810 Oncology



294 Congenital anomalies



272 Ophthalmology



249 Cardiovascular diseases

Top ten referral destinations

Since October 2023

6334 Egypt

1519 United Arab Emirates

970 Qatar

578 EU countries

461 Jordan

449 Turkey

136 Algeria

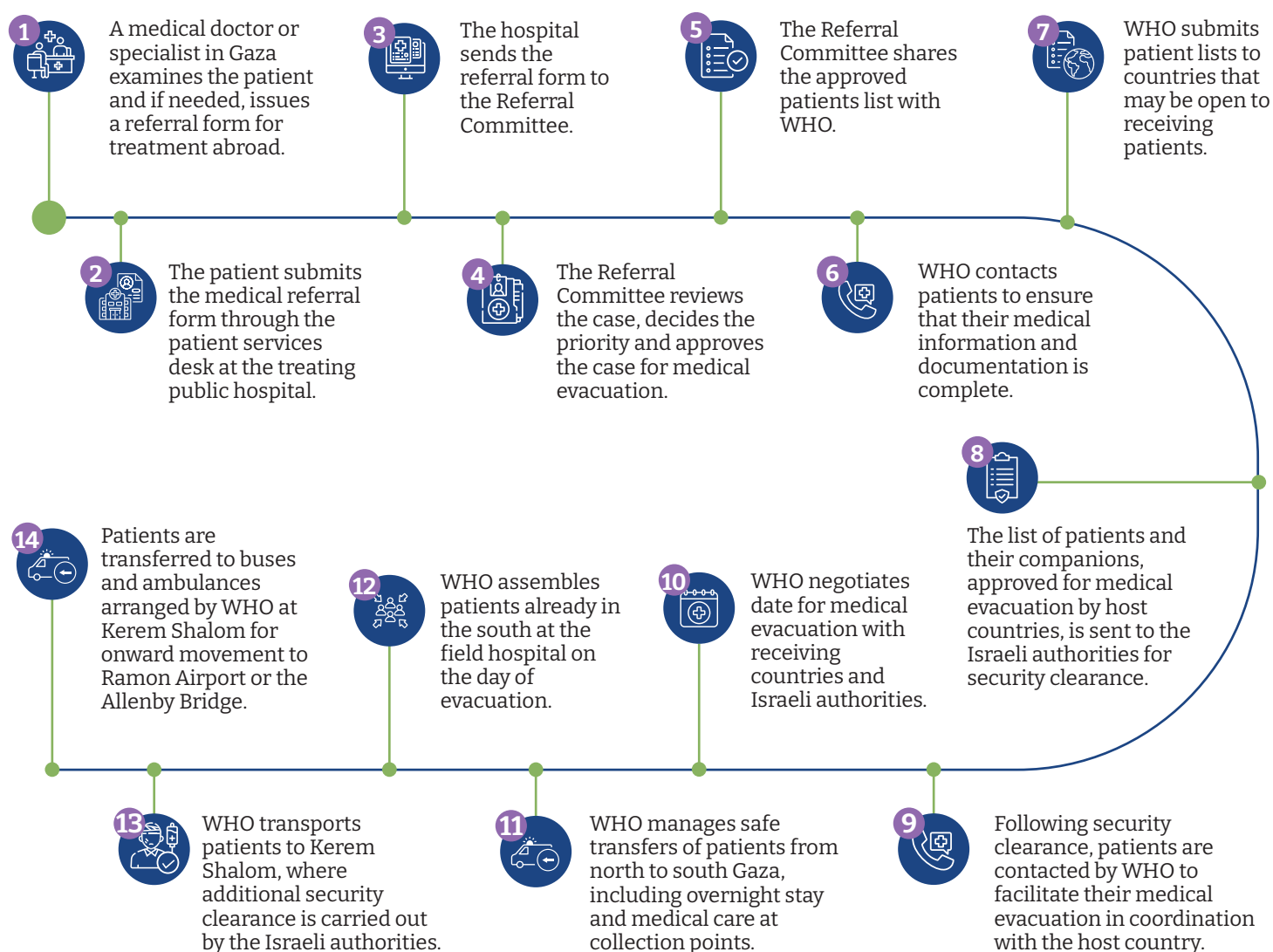
100 Uzbekistan

73 Tunisia

56 Oman

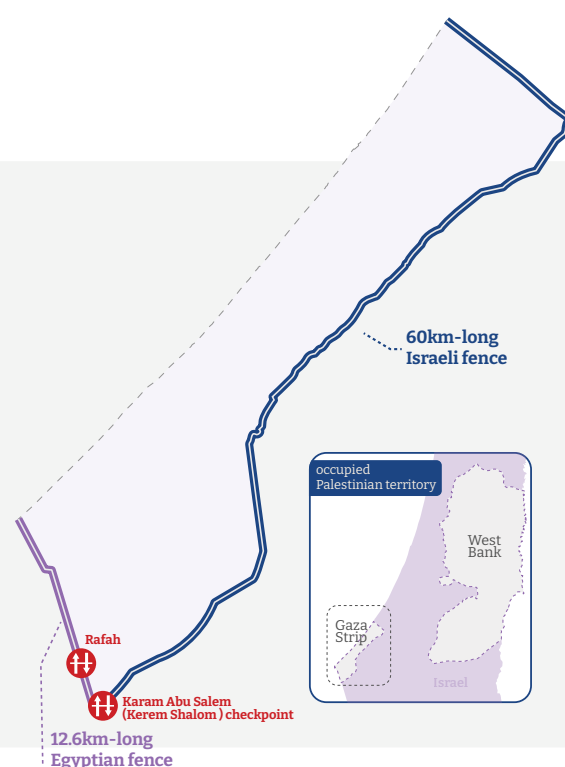
Pathway for patient evacuation for medical treatment outside Gaza

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.



WHO recommendations:

- Ensure that health care availability in Gaza, including through the rehabilitation of health facilities, is scaled up as soon as possible to reduce the need for medical evacuation. This will require expedited clearance procedures and the removal of access restrictions on the entry of necessary medical supplies and equipment.
- Open 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.



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

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