

Medical evacuation of patients from Gaza

Oct 2023 - 8 Apr 2026



11 275 Patients evacuated
including **5856** children



13 348 Companions



Timeline of medical evacuation

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

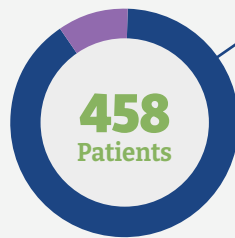
including

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

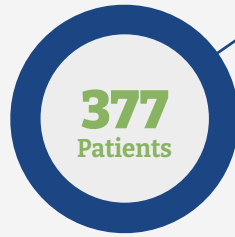
13 Oct 25 - 8 Apr 26

Ongoing ceasefire since 10 Oct 25

⊕ Medical evacuation via Kerem Shalom and Rafah crossings

13 Oct 25 - 1 Feb 26 (Ongoing ceasefire)

⊕ Medical evacuation via Kerem Shalom Crossing



376 (~100%) Patients evacuated with WHO support

including
310 Children



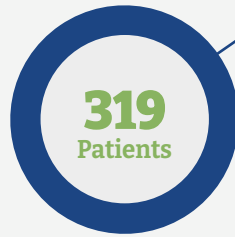
1032 Companions

including
1032 (100%) with WHO support

In Jan 2026 – 1 patient – the first since October 2023 – travelled to the West Bank following a Jerusalem District Court ruling.

2 Feb - 27 Feb 26 (Rafah Crossing re-open)

⊕ Medical evacuation via Rafah Crossing



319 (100%) Patients evacuated with WHO support

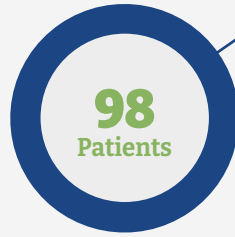
including
37 Children



529 Companions

including
529 (100%) with WHO support

⊕ Medical evacuation via Kerem Shalom Crossing



98 (100%) Patients evacuated with WHO support

including
90 Children



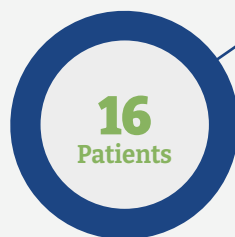
231 Companions

including
231 (100%) with WHO support

28 Feb - 18 Mar 26 (Medical evacuation suspended due to Rafah Crossing Closure. Medical evacuation via Kerem Shalom suspended since 28 February 2026.)

19 Mar - 22 Mar 26 (Rafah Crossing re-open)

⊕ Medical evacuation via Rafah Crossing



16 (100%) Patients evacuated with WHO support

including
1 Children



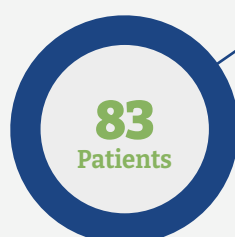
30 Companions

including
30 (100%) with WHO support

23 Mar - 25 Mar 26 (WHO suspended support to medical evacuation)

26 Mar - 6 Apr 26

⊕ Medical evacuation via Rafah Crossing



83 (100%) Patients evacuated with WHO support

including
15 Children



163 Companions

including
163 (100%) with WHO support

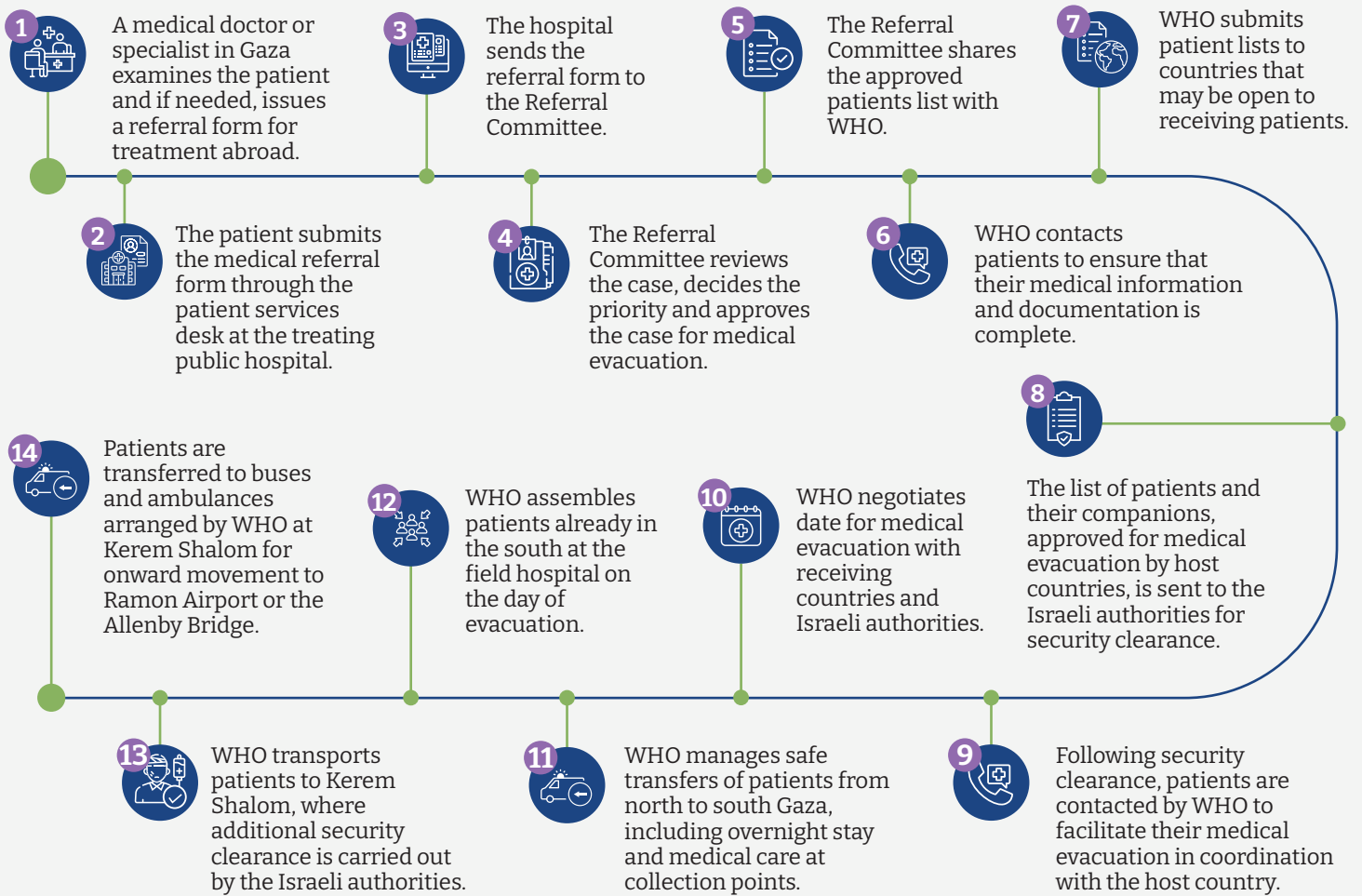
7 Apr 2026 (WHO suspended support to medical evacuation)

Thousands of patients urgently need medical treatment that is not available in Gaza.

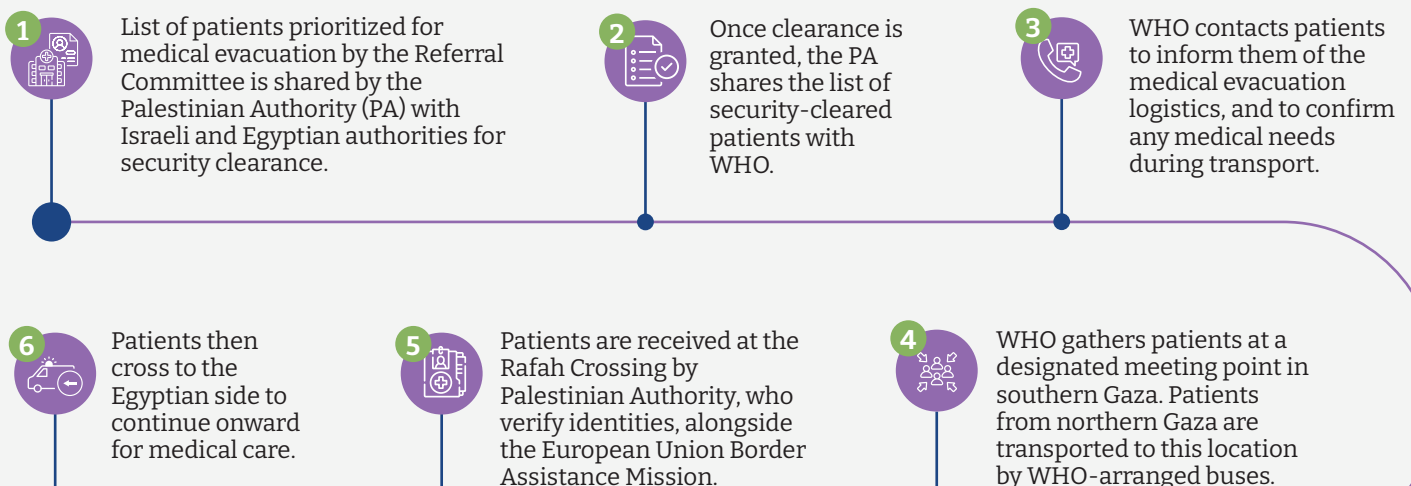
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Pathway for patient evacuation for medical treatment outside Gaza via Kerem Shalom Crossing

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. WHO is not involved in the process of supporting the return of people to Gaza via the Rafah Crossing.








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



Top five medical needs of patients evacuated

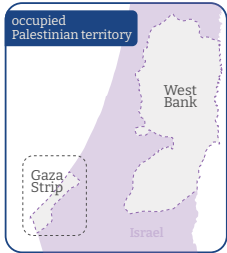
Since 7 May 2024

-  **1223** Trauma
-  **840** Oncology
-  **339** Ophthalmology
-  **308** Congenital anomalies
-  **286** Cardiovascular diseases

Top ten referral destinations

Since October 2023

- | | |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 6748 Egypt | 449 Turkey |
| 1518 United Arab Emirates | 136 Algeria |
| 970 Qatar | 100 Uzbekistan |
| 611 EU countries | 73 Tunisia |
| 525 Jordan | 56 Oman |



WHO recommendations:

- Urgent approval of WHO and UNDSS armoured vehicles and spare parts entry into Gaza.
- Urgent improvement of road conditions to allow safe and swift movement of convoys to the Rafah crossing.
- 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.
- Re-open the patient referral pathways to the health facilities in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, which remains the most dignified and effective option.
- 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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