Medical evacuation of Gaza patients

diam'r Oct 2023 - 29 Sep 2025





Timeline of medical evacuation

Patients evacuated (7 Oct 2023 - 29 Sep 2025) including 5405 children

7 May 24 - 18 Jan 25

Via Kerem Shalom due to Rafah crossing closure



18 Mar - 29 Sep 25 (Resumption of hostilities)



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



Total patients evacuated



4034 Children

19 Jan - 17 Mar 25 (Ceasefire period)



Patients evacuated by WHO support

- 1673 via Rafah crossing
- 1 29 via Kerem Shalom

606 Children

15 600 patients still need medical evacuation outside the Gaza Strip.



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Top five medical needs evacuated since 7 May 2024



782 trauma



716 oncology



263 ophthalmology

242 congenital anomalies

241 cardiovascular diseases

Top ten referral destinations since October 2023

3995 Egypt

1499 United Arab Emirates

970 Qatar

441 Turkey

350 EU countries

268 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
- Increase corridors for medical evacuation through Egypt and Jordan.
- Ceasefire.



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



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.

