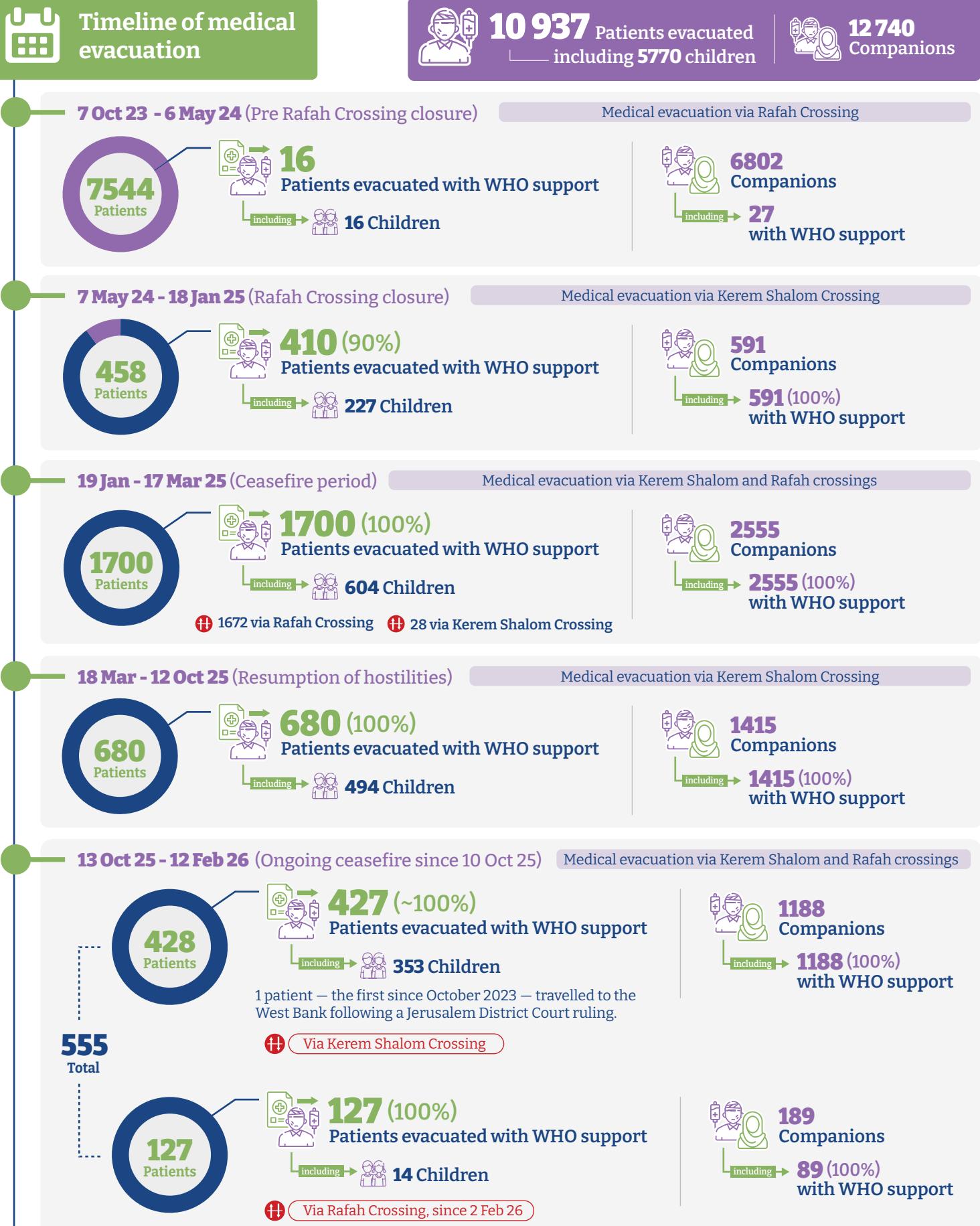


Medical evacuation of patients from Gaza

Oct 2023 - 12 Feb 2026



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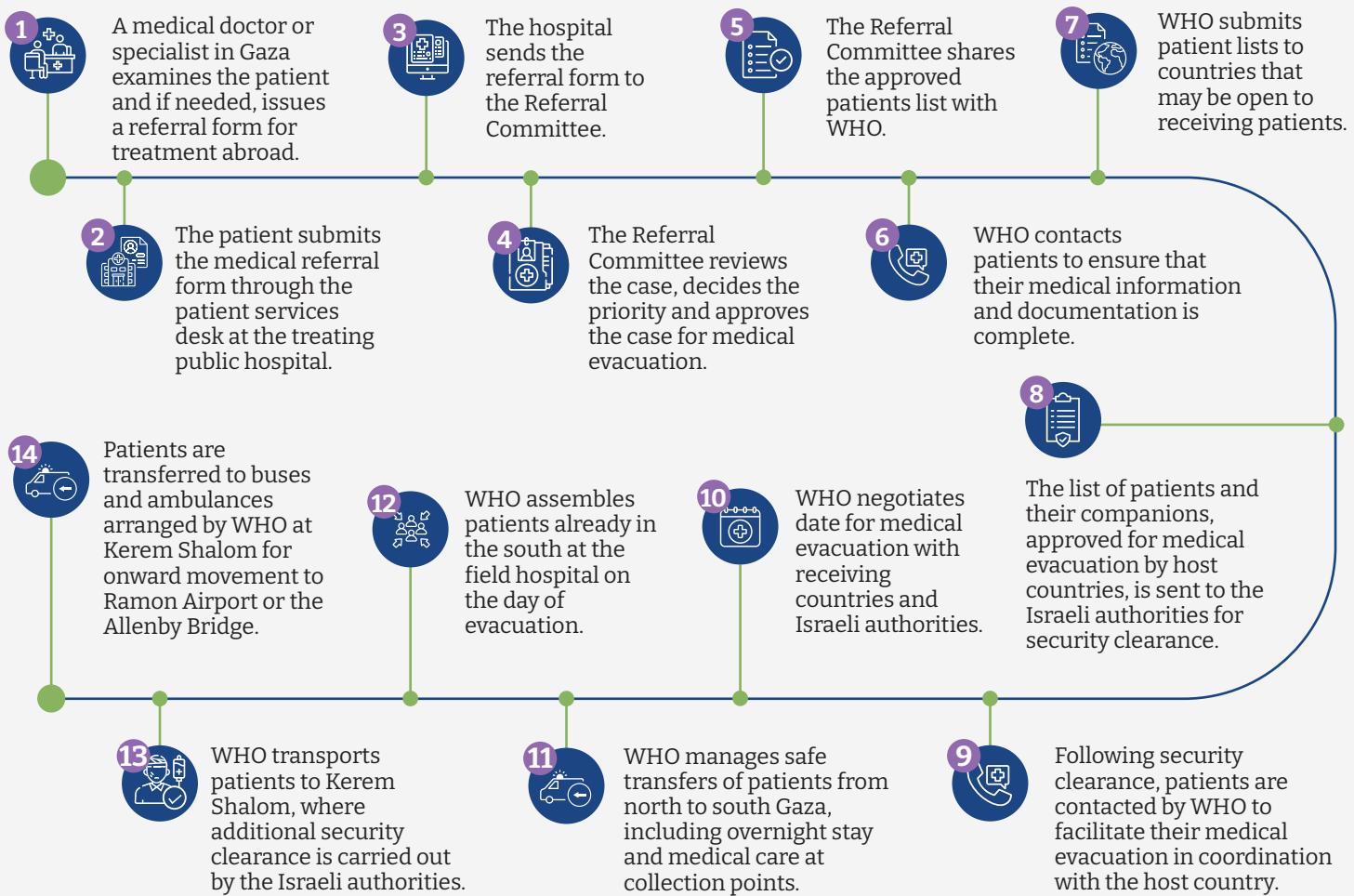


Over **18 500** patients urgently need medical treatment that is not available in Gaza.

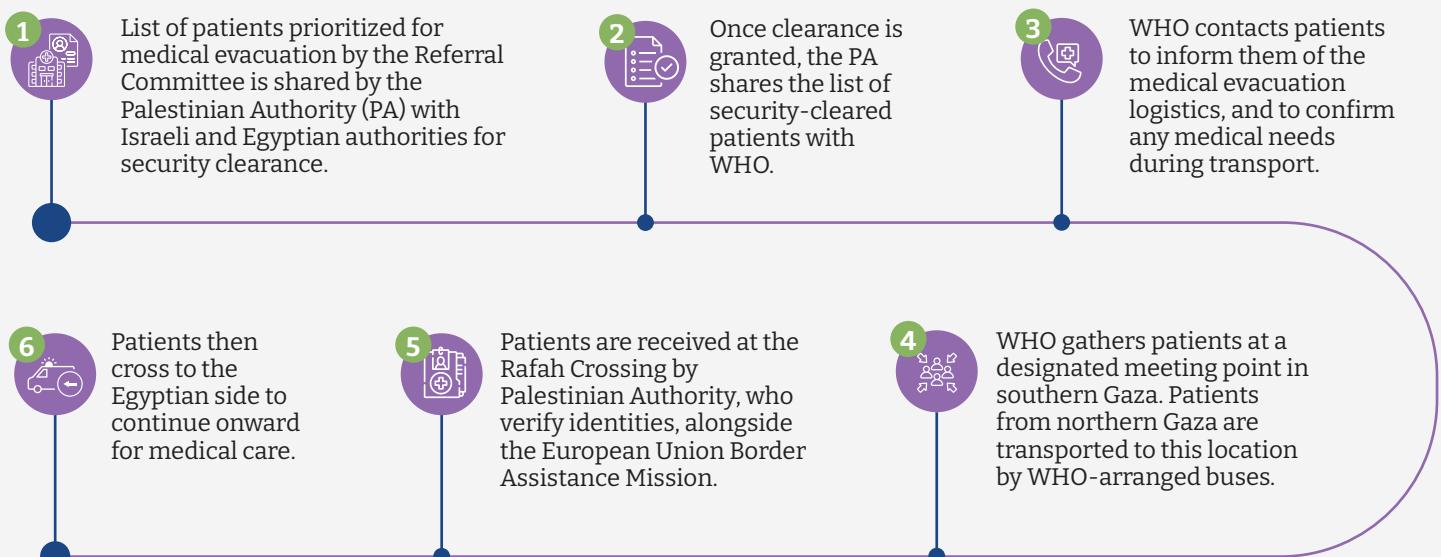
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Pathway for patient evacuation for medical treatment outside Gaza via Kerem Shalom Crossing

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.



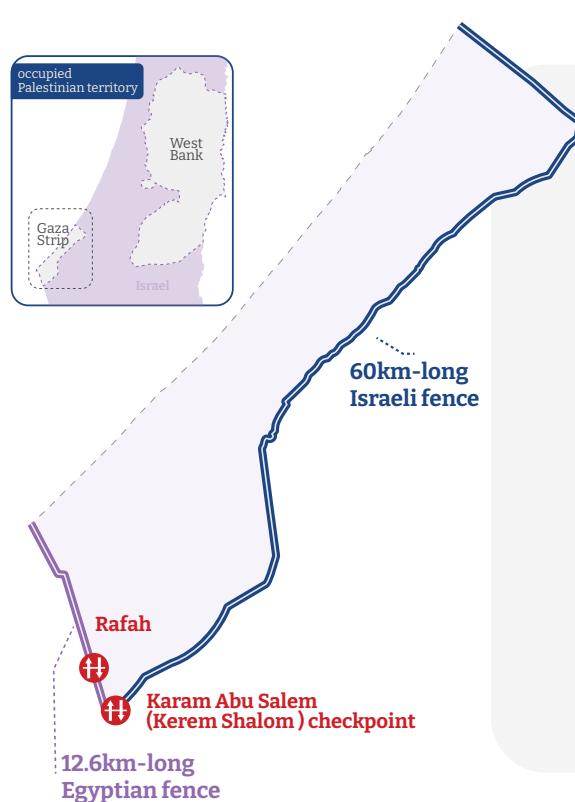
Pathway for patient evacuation for medical treatment outside Gaza via Rafah Crossing



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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