

WHY REFER TO EAST JERUSALEM?

Six Palestinian hospitals in occupied East Jerusalem provide many medical specialities which the Palestinian Ministry of Health is unable to provide in the West Bank and Gaza.



OVER
50%
of patients in East Jerusalem's hospitals are referred from the West Bank or Gaza by the Ministry of Health

	CARDIAC SURGERY	SPECIALIST CANCER CARE	SPECIALIST ONCOLOGY TREATMENT	CHILDREN'S DIALYSIS	SPECIALIST REHABILITATION SERVICES	COMPLEX EYE SURGERY
GAZA	×	×	×	×	×	×
WEST BANK	×	×	×	×	×	×
EAST JERUSALEM	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

HOW DO PATIENTS GET TO HOSPITAL?

Palestinian patients entering East Jerusalem must undergo the 'back-to-back' ambulance transfer process. The average back-to-back delay at checkpoints for emergency cases is 24 minutes.*



WEST BANK / GAZA

1. COORDINATE
Ambulance service and military coordinate

2. EMERGENCY
Ambulance leaves hospital

3. SEARCH
At checkpoint ambulance is searched

4. WAIT
Avg. delay in an emergency 6mins - 1hr depending on checkpoint

5. TRANSFER
Patient moved to second ambulance

EAST JERUSALEM

6. HOSPITAL
Second ambulance takes patient to hospital

EXITING GAZA: WHO CAN GET A PERMIT?

Palestinians without a Jerusalem I.D. must obtain an Israeli-issued permit to travel to hospital in East Jerusalem. Those from Gaza experience the harshest restrictions.

PATIENTS MAY BE REFUSED BASED ON



AGE

People aged 18-45 experience the most delays and denials



GENDER

Men are more likely to be refused than women



ASSOCIATION

Patients with family considered to be a security risk by Israeli authorities have more chance of delay and denial



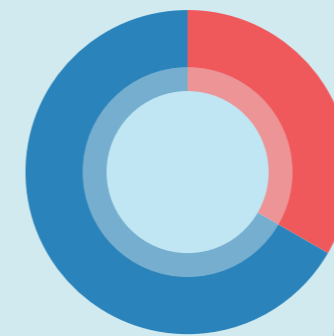
SEVERITY

Patients requiring non-life threatening treatment experience increased denials and delays



APPROVAL TIME

Patients only find out if their application was successful the evening before they are due to travel

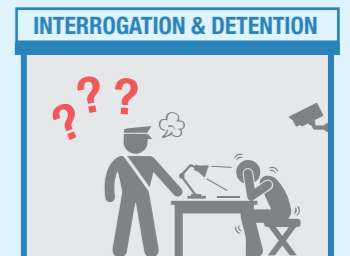


1/3
OF PATIENTS
WERE DENIED
OR DELAYED
IN 2016



SECURITY INTERVIEW

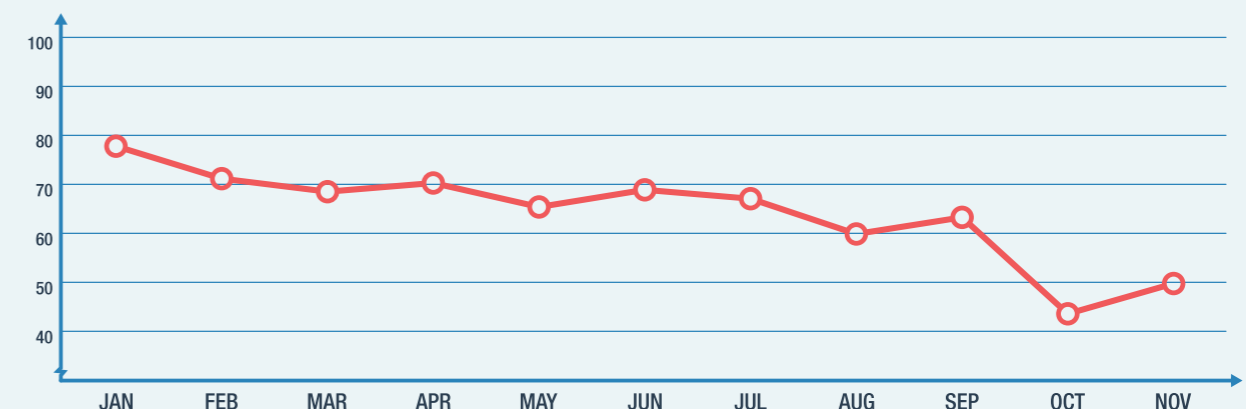
Patients and companions risk being arbitrarily detained and interrogated by the Israeli security services



PATIENT COMPANIONS

Patients are only allowed one companion, who must also apply for a permit. Companions under the age of 55 (94% of Gaza's population) are more likely to be refused.

PERMIT APPROVAL RATES TO EXIT GAZA THROUGH EREZ CHECKPOINT IN 2016 (%)



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