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# Hope from Abroad in the International Medical Travel of Yemeni Patients

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## Notes

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- [1] As with most Yemeni patients and family members, Abdul 1. Rahman referred to his medical condition as a ‘tumour’. His oncologist used the word ‘cancer’ with me. Most Yemenis avoided the word ‘cancer’ (saratan, in Arabic) because of the devastating consequences the disease implied. In Kangas (in preparation, a), I discuss the preference in Yemen to avoid speaking directly about upsetting information. Terminally ill patients, for example, are generally not told about their conditions. In this paper, I use the term ‘cancer’ rather than ‘tumour,’ without specifying the type of cancer.

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