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From Prevention to Palliation: Integrating Asbab-e-Sitte Zaruriya into Cancer Rehabilitation and Supportive Oncology

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Abstract
Cancer management is increasingly shifting towards a chronic disease model, necessitating a synergy between rehabilitation (restoring function) and palliative care (managing symptoms). In unani medicine, these dual goals are intrinsically linked to *Asbab-e- Sitte Zaruriya*(Six Essential Factors). The present abstract explores how the six essential factors-Air, Food and Drink, Bodily Movement and Repose, Psychic Movement and Repose, Sleep and Wakefulness, and Evacuation and Retention which serves as a blueprint for improving the Quality of Life (QoL) in cancer patients. By aligning modern rehabilitative exercises and palliative symptom control with these clinical principles, one can address the physical, psychological, and humoral imbalances (*su-e-Mizaj*) caused by malignancy and its conventional treatment.

Keywords: Asbab-E-Sitte Zaruriya, Cancer, Rehabilitation, Palliation, Unani medicine, Sartan.

Introduction

Cancer (*Sartan*) is a hyperproliferative disorder that involves transformation, dysregulation of apoptosis, proliferation, invasion, angiogenesis and metastasis of cells [1]. It is a leading cause of death worldwide, accounting for 8.8 million deaths in 2015, associated with cancer of lungs (1.69 million deaths), liver (788 000 deaths), colorectal (774 000 deaths), stomach (754 000 deaths) and breast (571 000 deaths). Cancer, is a Greek word which stands for crab, it is one of the most dreaded diseases existed in unani (Greco-Arabian) system of medicine. Cancer rehabilitation and palliative care are two distinct, although inter-related, disciplines. The World Health Organization (WHO) defines rehabilitation as a set of measures that assist individuals, who experience or are likely to experience disability, to achieve and maintain optimum functioning in interaction with their environments (WHO, 2011)[19]

Unani Scholars perspective about (*Sartan*) Cancer

The word “cancer” originated from ‘*cancrum’* which is a Greek word for Crab and it is credited to the Greek physician *Hippocrates* (460-370 BC)[3]. *Hippocrates* used the terms Carcinos and Carcinoma to

describe non-ulcer forming and ulcer-forming tumors[4]. *Galen* stated that "as a crab is furnished with claws on both sides of the body[5].

Definition

Unani Physicians defined *Sartan* (cancer) is a *saudavi warm* (melanotic swelling), occurs due to the combustion of either *safra* (yellow bile) or both *Balgham* (phlegm) and *safra* (yellow bile) in the body[6]. It is also defined as a *warm-e-sulb* (hard inflammation) with lesions and their tributaries filled with a *madda-e-saudavi* (morbid melanotic humour)[2]. *Sauda Ihtiraqi* is an extremely harmful and more prone to malignancy with *Akkal* (corrosive) properties which putrefies the tissue and develops cancer[2].

Sites of *Sartan* (Cancer) according to Unani texts

Sartan mostly occurs in hollow organs or *Aza-e-Ratba* like Breast, Uterus, Throat, Respiratory system, Intestines, Mouth, Eyes, Neck etc.[1,2,7,8,9]

Pathophysiology

Production of *Khilt-e- Sauda* in excess quantity or extreme quality in the form of '*Mirrah Sauda*, both are responsible for change in *Mizaj* and thereby functions of the organs that are being nourished .This altered *Sauda* being extremely hot in quality and *Akkal* (irritative) in nature causes *Ihthiraq* in organs *Surat-e-Naw'ia* (structural changes) and functions altered. Altered *Sauda* erodes the tissues and produce malignant changes termed as "*Sartan*"[2,8,9,10,11]

Concept of Metastasis in USM

Antyllus(Ἄντυλλος), *Zakariya Rhazi* (Rhazes), *Ibn-Sina* (Avicenna) and *Ismail Jurjani* (Gorgan), refer a case of one sided breast cancer in a women that had been completely removed, later they knew that cancer had been developed in the other breast, it was believed that it occurs due to metastasis of sauda mirrah on the other breast[12,13,14].

Cancer Rehabilitation and Palliation

Patients with cancer, before, during, and after treatment, invariably experience physical symptoms because of the disease and its management, psychological distress, functional impairment, and diminished quality of life (QOL)[15]

Possible disease related complications [15]

Neurological	Musculoskeletal	Pain Syndromes	General
• Global and specific deficits secondary to primary or secondary brain tumors and treatment • Spinal cord compression	• Skeletal metastases • Myopathy • GVH disease • Radiation fibrosis	• Site-specific pain • CPRS	• Fatigue • Nausea • Dyspnoea • Deconditioning • Frailty • Cachexia

• Nerve impingement • Peripheral neuropathy • Ataxia • Autonomic dysfunction			

Possible treatment related complications [15]

Surgery	Chemotherapy	Radiotherapy	Hormonal Therapy	Immunotherapy
• Adhesive capsulitis • Lymphedema • Dysphagia • Dysphonia • Decreased exercise capacity • Cognitive dysfunction	• Cardiotoxicity • Nephrotoxicity • Neurotoxicity • Nausea • Mucositis • Diarrhoea • Skin and hair changes • Cognitive dysfunction	• Skin changes • Fibrosis • Mucositis • Pneumonitis • Proctitis • Cystitis • Cognitive dysfunction	• Fatigue • Osteoporosis • Weight gain • Mood changes • Venous thromboembolism • Gynecomastia • Memory impairment • Sexual dysfunction	• Autoimmune disease • Diabetes • Thyroid dysfunction • Pruritus • Pneumonitis • Diarrhoea • Skin changes

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Palliative care is defined by the WHO as an approach that improves the QOL of patients and their families facing life-threatening illness, through the prevention and relief of suffering by means of early identification and impeccable assessment and treatment of pain and other problems, physical, psychosocial, and spiritual[20].

Dietz Classification of Cancer Rehabilitation[16][17][18]

Preventative Rehabilitation	Restorative Rehabilitation	Supportive Rehabilitation	Palliative Rehabilitation
Also referred to as prehabilitation or prospective surveillance	For cancer patients with potential to attain a full functional recovery,	For patients with temporary or permanent deficits from cancer and/or	For patients with treatment refractory cancer or advanced disease, less intense

Early intervention and exercise to identify potential impairments and prevent or delay complications related to cancer or therapies	restorative rehabilitation offers comprehensive therapy to regain function to return to work or school	treatments, and patients with slowly progressive or chronic cancer, supportive rehabilitation can give the opportunity to re-establish and maintain functional independence	palliative rehabilitation may play a role in assisting the patient and their family by maximizing patient comfort and reducing caregiver burden

Preventative Rehabilitation or Prehabilitation

Prehabilitation occurs when a treatment plan is developed after diagnosis and before the commencement of acute treatment. It includes physical and psychological assessments that establish a baseline functional level, identify impairments, provide interventions that promote physical and psychological health to reduce the incidence and/or severity of future impairments[21].

Prehabilitation interventions vary according to the diagnosis. Common modalities may include cardio-pulmonary prehabilitation, strengthening, stretching and endurance exercises, aerobic exercise, nutritional management, psychological counselling, oral and swallowing exercises for head and neck malignancies, and pelvic floor exercises

Some of the goals of prehabilitation are as follows[21]

- Improvement in cardiorespiratory health.
- Improvement of musculoskeletal function and balance and reduced falls risk.
- Cognitive behavioural strategies to reduce anxiety and improve adaptation and sleep hygiene.
- Optimization of surgical outcomes via modification of risk factors, for example, smoking cessation.
- Nutritional assessment.
- Preoperative exercise to improve postoperative potential, for example, continence outcomes after perineal surgery and communication and swallowing function after head and neck surgery.
- Strategies to return to school, work, or home with adaptive equipment and structural modifications.

Restorative Rehabilitation

Restorative rehabilitation may be offered after surgery or when a patient is receiving chemotherapy, radiotherapy, or immunotherapy, with curative intent; rehabilitation often continues after completion of treatment. This intervention attempts to return patients to their previous levels of physical, psychological, social, and vocational functioning[22].

Cavalheri et al.[23] published a Cochrane review in 2019 concluding that exercise training increased exercise capacity and quadriceps strength and improved general health-related quality of life (HRQoL), as well as decreasing dyspnoea, after lung resection for non-small cell lung cancer

Supportive Rehabilitation

Supportive rehabilitation involves rehabilitation for patients with cancer as a chronic condition. Interventions are designed to teach patients to accommodate fixed disability and minimize debilitating

changes from ongoing disease. It increases self-care ability via self-help devices (e.g. Canes, Walkers, Wearable activity trackers etc.) for patients whose cancer has progressed and functional impairments have worsened. Other goals include preventing disuse atrophy, contractures, loss of muscle strength, and decubitus ulcers[23].

A second category of supportive rehabilitation applies to people with slowly progressive disease (e.g., prostate cancer, metastatic breast cancer) or chronic (usually haematological) malignancy. At this stage, the aim of rehabilitation is dependent on the patient's identified goals, taking into consideration symptoms related to cancer and ongoing treatment, remaining functional abilities, and social circumstances[24,25].

Palliative Rehabilitation

In this stage, interventions are focused on minimizing or eliminating complications and providing comfort and support in the terminal stages of disease to improve QoL physically, psychologically, and socially, while respecting the wishes of the patient and their loved ones

Salakari et al.61 performed a systematic review of 13 randomized trials published between 2009 and 2014 (1169 participants), evaluating the benefits of general rehabilitation among patients with advanced cancer; seven were limited to physical exercise alone. The review was suggestive of significant improvement in general well-being and QoL with physical exercise. Rehabilitation delivered positive effects on fatigue, general conditioning, mood, and coping with cancer.[26]

***Asbab-E-Sitte Zaruriya* (Six Essential Factors)**

According to the Unani system of medicine "*Asbab*" are the factors which are precursors and have an influence on human body to generate a new state or to maintain an old state. *Asbab-e- Sitte Zaruriya* are basically that six essentials of life without which life cannot be sustained. This is a well known fact that, various changes continuously take place in human body throughout the life. For example when body unexpectedly exposed to cold or hot air or any sort of harmful thing, such as during excessive rest, movements and sleep disturbance in physiological functions occurs, at that time Physic (*Tabiat*) stands to manage these situations and try to maintain equilibrium of the body[.27,28]

Integration of Rehabilitation and Palliative Care with *Asbab-e-Sitte Zaruriya* (the Six Essential Factors)

The integration of Rehabilitation and Palliative Care within the framework of *Asbab-e-Sitte Zaruriya* (the Six Essential Factors) offers a holistic model for cancer management. While modern oncology often focuses on curative interventions, the Unani perspective emphasizes restoring the body's innate balance (*Mizaj*) and supporting the self-preservative faculty (*Tabiyat*) through lifestyle modification and supportive care.

The Correlation: *Asbab-e-Sitte Zaruriya* in Cancer Care :

The following table correlates the six essential factors of Unani medicine with modern cancer rehabilitation and palliative care strategies:

Asbab-e-Sitte Zaruriya	Functional Correlation in Cancer Care
Hawa (Air)	Oxygenation and Environmental Quality
Makool wa Mashroob (Food & Drink)	Nutritional Support
Harkat wa Sukoon-e-Badani (Physical Activity & Rest	Physical Rehabilitation
Harkat wa Sukoon-e-Nafsani (Mental Activity & Repose	Psychological Support
Naum wa Yaqza (Sleep & Wakefulness)	Circadian Regulation

Ihtibas wa lstifragh Retention & Evacuation	Detoxification & Symptom Control

***Hawa* (Air)**

Air pollution contributes to an estimated 8.1 million deaths annually from non-communicable diseases and is increasingly recognised as a major cancer risk factor. Nearly 374,000 lung cancer deaths each year – about one in five globally – are attributed to air pollution. People already living with cancer are among the most vulnerable. Exposure to polluted air can worsen symptoms, increase complications during treatment, and negatively affect survival outcomes.[35]

Fresh, clean air is essential for the "*Ruh*" (vital spirit). In Unani medicine it is referred to as Hawa-e-Muheet (oxygenated/purified air).

Clinical studies in environmental medicine have shown that exposure to forest environments significantly increases both the number and cytotoxic activity of Natural Killer (NK) cells. NK cells are a frontline component of the innate immune system. Their primary function is to identify and destroy virally infected cells and early-stage tumour cells before they can establish immune evasion. After a single intensive exposure, such as a multi-hour walk in a wooded area enhances NK cell activity has been observed to persist for up to 30 days. This suggests that nature exposure does not merely produce a transient boost, but may induce longer-lasting immune modulation. For cancer patients, whose immune surveillance may be compromised by chemotherapy, radiation, or chronic inflammation, even modest improvements in NK cell function are clinically meaningful.[36]

Mechanism: Proper oxygenation helps in the detoxification of metabolic waste. In cancer or chronic illness, poor air quality can lead to hypoxia, which increases pain sensitivity.

Application: Deep breathing exercises and well-ventilated environments help soothe the nervous system and reduce the perception of "suffocating" pain.

2. *Makool-o-Mashroob* (Food and Drink)

Dietary habits directly influence the production of *Akhlat* (humors).

Proper nutrition plays a crucial role during cancer treatment, as it helps the body stay strong, recover, and cope with the effects of treatment. Cancer treatments, such as chemotherapy, radiation, and surgery, can weaken the immune system, reduce appetite, and lead to side effects like nausea, fatigue, and weight loss. A well-balanced diet can help counteract these effects, ensuring the body has the energy and nutrients needed for recovery.

What Foods are Beneficial for Cancer Patients?

Protein-Rich Foods

Protein is essential for building and repairing tissues, maintaining muscle mass, and supporting the immune system. During cancer treatment, the body may need extra protein to counteract the loss of muscle and tissue.

Lean Meats (e.g., chicken, turkey)**:** These provide high-quality protein and are easily digestible.

Fish (e.g., salmon, tuna)**:** Rich in omega-3 fatty acids, which help reduce inflammation and support the immune system.

Eggs**:** A complete protein source, eggs provide essential amino acids necessary for tissue repair and overall body function.

Legumes (e.g., beans, lentils)**:** These plant-based proteins are high in fibre, which helps with digestion and maintaining healthy bowel function.

Dairy (e.g., milk, yogurt)**:** These are excellent sources of protein, calcium, and other vitamins, promoting bone health and muscle recovery.

Fruits and Vegetables:

Leafy greens :These are rich in folate, a B-vitamin that supports red blood cell production and helps prevent anaemia.

Berries: (e.g., blueberries, strawberries, raspberries): Rich in antioxidants like vitamin C, they help protect cells from damage and support immune function.

Tomatoes : Packed with lycopene, a powerful antioxidant that may reduce the risk of certain cancers.

Whole grains like brown rice, quinoa, Oats etc, are an important source of fibre, which helps with digestion, maintains healthy blood sugar levels, and provides sustained energy

Healthy fats like olive oil, nuts, seeds, avocados etc. Fats are essential for hormone regulation, brain health, and reducing inflammation in cancer.

Other Beneficial Foods

Turmeric: Contains curcumin, a compound with anti-inflammatory and potential cancer-fighting properties. It can be added to meals or smoothies.

Ginger: Known for its ability to reduce nausea, ginger can be added to meals, teas, or smoothies for soothing relief.

Garlic: It contains compounds that may boost the immune system and fight infection, making it a great addition to meals.

Legumes and Beans: Excellent for digestion and providing protein, these are an essential part of a cancer-fighting diet.

What Foods Should Be Avoided?

Processed foods, alcohols, caffeinated beverages, unhealthy fats, uncooked or raw foods, salty and sugary and spicy foods etc.[37]

Mechanism: Excessive intake of "*Barid*" (cold) or "*Yabis*" (dry) foods can lead to nerve hypersensitivity or poor circulation.

Application: Using *Ilaj-bil-Ghidha* (Dietotherapy) to introduce anti-inflammatory foods (like ginger or turmeric) can alter the body's internal chemistry to naturally lower pain thresholds.

Ibn sina explained that prevention of cancer progression is done by improving the diet and reinfocing the involved organ. Diet should be Lateef (easily digestible) and reduced

The excess production and accumulation of sauda and also made to cool and refresh the body.

Eg:- Kaddu (*Cucurbita maxima*), Khurfa (*Portulaca oleracea*)

Kheera (*Cucumis sativus*) Maul Jubn (chees whey) Maul shaeer (Water of *Hordeum vulgare*) Dietary inclusion of beans, cruciferous vegetables are Important. Eg:- Mong dal, badam, Akhrot. Diet for sartan safra (cancer due to yellow bile) Eg:- Lauki, turai, Tinde, Arvi, Bhindi, Aalu, Wheat, Sivayya, Rawa.[30]

In a study of in vivo and in vitro colon carcinoma models, 48 h cycles of short-term starvation (STS) feeding exerted an anti-Warburg effect . This anti-Warburg effect was accomplished by forcing normally glycolysis-dependent cancer cells to use oxidative phosphorylation to generate ATP.[31]

3. *Harkat-o-Sukoon Badani* (Physical Movement and Rest)

Pain often creates a cycle of inactivity, which leads to stiffness and more pain.

Mechanism: Balanced movement prevents the stagnation of "*Fuzlaat*" (waste products) in joints and mus-

cles.

Application: Gentle, controlled movement (*Harkat*) improves blood flow to the pained area, while strategic rest (*Sukoon*) prevents the exhaustion of the *Tabiyat* (innate healing power).

Benefits of Movement: Exercise helps maintain muscle mass, strength, and independence. It also improves cardiovascular health and can reduce the risk of cancer recurrence

Rest and Recovery: Rest is crucial to combat fatigue, but it should be balanced with movement, sometimes called "active rest". Gentle movement is often better than complete bed rest, which can increase fatigue[34]

4. *Harkat-o-Sukoon Nafsani* (Mental Movement and Rest)

This is perhaps the most critical factor in modern palliative care.

Depression is a common comorbidity in cancer cases, affecting >10% of patients. A cancer diagnosis is life-changing, and is a source of considerable psychological and emotional stress. The somatic presentations of depression, including fatigue, loss of appetite, weight change and poor cognition.[38]

Psychological Therapy (Psychotherapy): Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT) and other, individualized counselling can help manage anxiety and depressive symptoms.

Physical Activity: Regular, moderate exercise (e.g., 150 minutes per week) can significantly reduce depressive symptoms and boost mood.

Social and Emotional Support: Support groups, talking with family and friends, or working with a psycho-oncologist helps build resilience.

Complementary Therapies: Activities like yoga, meditation, mindfulness-based stress reduction, and acupuncture can improve mental well-being.

Medical Management: If needed, medications such as Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitors (SSRIs) are common, effective treatments for preventing worsening depression, according to the National Cancer Institute.

Lifestyle Adjustments: Maintaining a healthy diet and ensuring adequate sleep helps manage energy levels and mood.[39]

Mechanism: Emotions like anxiety (*Harkat-e-Nafsani*) increase the secretion of stress hormones, which physically intensify pain.

Application: Achieving "*Sukoon-e-Nafsani*" (psychological stillness) through meditation or counselling acts as a natural analgesic by increasing endorphin levels.

5. *Naum-o-Yaqza* (Sleep and Wakefulness)

Mechanism: Sleep is the time when the *Tabiyat* focuses entirely on internal repair. Chronic wakefulness (insomnia) depletes the vital spirit and makes the body hyper-reactive to painful stimuli.

Application: Regulating sleep cycles ensures that the body can "reboot" its neurological pathways, significantly reducing the intensity of chronic pain the following day.

The Relationship between Circadian Rhythm and Cancer Disease:

Circadian clocks represent an evolutionarily conserved mechanism operating at the molecular level to temporally regulate physiological processes, thereby maintaining internal homeostasis. The alternations in an organism's body, mind, and behaviour that occur over 24 h are known as circadian rhythms.

During the sleep–wake cycle, the immune system undergoes a biphasic shift in activity tied to the T-helper cell cytokine balance of T-helper1 (Th1) and T-helper2 (Th2) [12]. Th1 cytokines (e.g., IL-2, IFNγ, and IL-12) persist in the early hours of the night, while Th2 cytokines (e.g., IL-4 and IL-10) become more prominent in the late stages of sleep or just before awakening. This temporal shift entails an initial augmentation of Th1 activity during the early sleep phase, followed by a moderate increase in IFN-γ/IL-

4-producing Th cells, culminating in the predominance of Th2 activity in the latter stages of sleep. Disruption of this pattern results in dysregulated cytokine production, leading to immune disturbances, chronic inflammation, and tissue damage.

Important bodily functions are impacted by circadian rhythms, including the sleep–wake cycle, hormone secretion, heart rate, blood flow to the kidneys, immune system reaction to antigens, and many more. Therefore, an endogenous timing system is required to regulate these circadian variations or cycles

Diseases relayed to circadian rhythm disruption

Diseases	**Effects**
Alzheimer's	Neurodegeneration
Insomnia	Weariness, Deteriorated cognitive performance
Impairing of glucose metabolism and insulin sensitivity	Increased risk of diabetes
Hypertension, Heart disease, Stroke	Affects vascular function, inflammation, and blood pressure regulation
Cancer	Increased risk of prostate and breast cancers

The most important aspect is the risk of cancer due to circadian rhythm diseases. Unusual circadian rhythm has been linked to an increased risk of several cancers, according to the data. An increased risk of colon, prostate, and breast cancers has been linked to circadian misalignment and disrupted sleep patterns. This may be because circadian cycles affect hormone control, DNA repair systems, and cell proliferation.

Circadian rhythms regulate the timing of cell division and DNA repair mechanisms. Disruption to this rhythm can lead to the improper timing of these processes, increasing the likelihood of DNA damage accumulation and mutations, which are key factors in cancer development. From another perspective, circadian rhythms influence the secretion of hormones such as melatonin, cortisol, and growth factors, which play a crucial role in cell growth, proliferation, and apoptosis (cell death)[29].

Good sleep plays a critical role in cancer management by strengthening the immune system, reducing inflammation, improving treatment tolerance, and enhancing the quality of life. Adequate, high-quality sleep helps the body repair tissues, balance hormones, and combat cancer-related fatigue, while poor sleep can promote tumor-friendly environments.[40]

6. *Ihtibas-o-Istifragh* (Retention and Elimination)

Mechanism: Pain is often caused by the accumulation of morbid humors (waste) that the body hasn't cleared.

Application: Ensuring regular elimination (through bowels, sweat, or therapeutic means like diuresis) prevents the build-up of toxins that irritate nerve endings. In Unani, "*Tanqiya*" (cleansing) is often the first step in treating deep-seated pain.

Constipation may be a sign or symptom of cancers that push on organs in the abdomen, block the movement of stool through the bowel, or affect the nerves in your spine connected to your bowel. Some cancers that may cause constipation include colon cancer, rectal cancer, ovarian cancer, and brain tumors. Constipation is a common side effect of some types of chemotherapy. Many medicines, including opioid pain medications, antianxiety drugs, antinausea drugs (antiemetic's), and diuretics, can cause constipation.[32]

Unani medicine offers effective natural remedies for constipation (Qabḍ) by improving digestion and bowel motility, including key formulations like Majun Anjeer, Itrifal Mullayyin, and Qurs Mulayyin. Common herbal ingredients include Sana Makki (Senna), Ispaghol (Psyllium husk), and Rogan-e-Badam (Almond oil).[33]

Integrating into Palliative Care

By using this framework, a palliative care team can create a "Whole-Person Care Plan":
Morning (*Hawa*/Movement): Deep breathing and light physiotherapy.
Diet (*Makool*): Nutrient-dense, easy-to-digest Unani *Ghidha* (diet) to prevent cachexia.
Night (*Naum*): Natural sleep aids to promote cellular repair.

Conclusion

The evolution of oncological care toward a chronic disease model demands an integrated clinical paradigm that treats the patient, rather than just the pathology. While modern oncology successfully extends life through intensive conventional therapies, it often leaves a wake of physical, psychological, and systemic sequelae. The synthesis of modern cancer rehabilitation and palliative care with the classical Unani framework of Asbab-e-Sitte Zaruriya (Six Essential Factors) offers a profound, structured solution to this contemporary challenge.

By evaluating malignancy (Sartan) as a systemic manifestation of advanced humoral and structural imbalance (Su-e-Mizaj driven by morbid Sauda), Unani medicine provides a ready-made lifestyle blueprint that seamlessly aligns with modern supportive therapies:

Hawa (Air) & Harkat-o-Sukoon (Movement/Rest): Intersect dynamically with proactive prehabilitation and restorative exercise, optimizing cellular oxygenation, reversing disuse atrophy, and demonstrably boosting Natural Killer (NK) cell immune surveillance.

Makool-o-Mashroob (Food & Drink): Complements targeted nutritional oncology. Utilizing Ilaj-bil-Ghidha (Dietotherapy) with easily digestible (Lateef) and anti-inflammatory nutrients mitigates severe treatment complications like cachexia, nausea, and metabolic strain.

Harkat-o-Sukoon Nafsani (Mental Activity/Repose) & Naum-o-Yaqza (Sleep/Wakefulness): Directly address the neuro-endocrine and circadian disruptions inherent to advanced cancer. Restoring psychological stillness and sleep architecture stabilizes cytokine balances (Th1/Th2 transitions), alleviates clinical depression, and mitigates the physiological amplification of pain.

Ihtibas-o-Istifragh (Retention & Elimination): Directly targets one of the most pervasive, treatment-limiting toxicities in palliation. Through natural evacuation (Tanqiya), it addresses gastrointestinal distress and opioid-induced constipation, ensuring metabolic detoxification.

Ultimately, Asbab-e-Sitte Zaruriya acts as a vital bridge between functional restoration (rehabilitation) and symptom mitigation (palliation). Implementing this holistic, non-invasive framework alongside standard care does not merely manage disease—it preserves the "Ruh" (vital spirit), fortifies the "Tabiyat" (innate healing capacity), and significantly elevates the ultimate benchmark of chronic cancer management: the patient's objective Quality of Life (QoL).

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