

# **Pattern of Malignant Bone Tumour in Northern Areas of Pakistan**

Pages with reference to book, From 256 To 257

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Madam, I read this article with interest and found it illuminating. Thank you for publishing it. In previous articles the AFIP, Rawalpindi team have referred to the problem of bone tumours in the north of Pakistan, or in northern Pakistan. This is the correct way to describe Rawalpindi and the surrounding area. The current article does not deal with the northern Areas and mthis I was disappointed. Please note that the northern areas is the correct term for districts Diamer, Gilgit, Ghizar, Baltistan and Ghangche and only for these areas. Loose use of the term only leads to confusion.

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## **Reply**

Madam, Thank you very much for referring the letter from Dr. Stewart. I suppose there is some confusion in the use of the term “Northern Areas of Pakistan”. Perhaps it would have been better to use Northern Pakistan. However, technically the use is correct. The Northern Areas are part of an area which holds a special status. They do not, as yet, form an official part of the territory of Pakistan. So when one refers to northern areas of Pakistan, one could correctly be referring to Northern Pakistan including Rawalpindi and surrounding areas.

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