

Table 3 Responses of Saudi Arabian cancer patients to questionnaire about information giving by level of literacy and sex

Question	Literate (n = 55)		Illiterate (n = 59)		Females (n = 67)		Males (n = 47)	
	Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Do you want to know all information about your illness?	51	93	59	100	66	99	47	100
Do you want to know only partial information?	1	2	0	0	1	2	47	100
Should we withhold all information?	0	0	0	0	0	0	47	100
Should we tell your family?	35	64	53	90	56	84	35	75
Should we tell a friend?	9	16	10	17	10	15	9	19
Should we treat you without telling you the effects of treatment?	2	4	0	0	1	2	1	2
Should we treat you without telling you about your disease?	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Do you want to know about the treatment side-effects?	1	2	59	100	67	100	46	98
Do you want to know about the prognosis?	52	95	59	100	67	100	47	100