

He's a doctor of hope

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Internationally acclaimed ayurvedic specialist Dr Nandlal Tiwari has been treating terminally ill cancer patients with his special herbal "cure" for the past 20 years with a fair measure of success.

Dr Tiwari, from Rajasthan, India, who jetted into Durban for a short holiday early this week, treats only terminally ill patients and claims to have a success rate of between 30 to 40 percent.

The doctor, who has travelled and treated patients worldwide, including Germany, Australia, Sweden, Britain and Kenya, has blended a special medicine comprising eight herbal ingredients, which he said he came up with after much trial and error.

"I tested the medicine on myself as a guinea pig before using it on my patients. I found the medicine had no side effects and I administered it to my first patient, a young man with tongue cancer, about 9 years ago.

He was told he had only a few months left to live and he was willing to try my medicine. Today he is still alive.

"Besides people who were condemned to die but who are still alive and can testify to the success of my medicine, I also have documentary proof of my cases."

Dr Tiwari said general practitioners and cancer specialists also re-



RAY OF HOPE: Ayurvedic specialist Dr Nandlal Tiwari prescribes herbal medicine for terminally ill patients.

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ferred patients to him.

"Ayurvedic treatment works because of the correct mixture of the herbs. It is different from medicines prescribed by general practitioners because of its chemical ingredients."

Dr Tiwari, who has appeared on BBC television in a documentary and several other documentaries in India to report on his "cure", said he provided hope for patients who sought him as a last resort.

Two Cape Town boys still missing after three weeks

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The last time Cape Town mother of seven, Barbara Duminy, saw her two youngest boys, Steven, 4, and Gerard, 5, they were playfully fighting each other in the front yard of their Lansdowne home.

to check, it was like a nightmare — there was no sign of them."

She alerted her husband and her other sons who conducted a street search, but the boys were nowhere to be found.

"By 5pm my husband and I were frantic. I realised the boys had been