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Rare tumour diagnosed at Abu Dhabi hospital

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ABU DHABI // A rare kidney tumour, which may occur in only one out of one million people, has been diagnosed in a 45-year-old woman at the Sheikh Khalifa Medical City.

While other doctors related the patient's symptoms of unstable blood pressure to psychological stress, Dr Wael Karameh noticed other symptoms that included heart palpitations, headaches, facial sweating, breathing difficulties and extreme fatigue.

The patient was transferred to Mayo Clinic in the US, where the pheochromocytoma tumour - five centimetres in size and located on the right kidney - was removed.

"This kind of tumour is extremely rare," said Dr Karameh. "It becomes threatening if the patient is wrongly diagnosed.

"However, if well diagnosed, the surgical treatment will assert a 100 per cent recovery," he said.