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Not all readers will understand the importance of geography on health care and services in Tanzania. Both this new facility at Muhimbili and the long-established Ocean Road Cancer Institute are located in the coastal city of Dar es Salaam. This is the capital of a country with a large urban population, but it is a long distance from most other cities and the rural population. The authors of this article should explain to readers that there is no national transportation system for distant patients seeking care in the capital. Because most patients must use airlines, private cars, or very poor commercial buses, cancer care for patients not residing in Dar es Salaam is extremely difficult.