

The Medication for Jaundice

Hammad b. Mihran al-Balkhi said: We frequently visited Al-Ridha', peace be upon him, in Khurasan. One day a youth among us complained of jaundice (*al-yaraqan*). He [Al-Ridha'] said: "Take cucumber (*khiyar*) and peel it. Cook the peel in water and drink one *ratl* of it every day for three days, on an empty stomach." The youth informed us later that he treated a friend of his twice with the remedy and he recovered, by the will of Allah, the Exalted.

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