

Woman going to male doctor

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In the name of Allaah, the Most Merciful, the Bestower of Mercy

Question: What is the ruling concerning the fact that the woman goes to a man gynaecologist? May Allaah bless you.

Shaykh Aboo `Abd-al-Mu`iz `Alee Ferkous al-Qoobee (*May Allaah the Most High preserve him*): All praise is due to Allaah, the Lord of the Worlds. Peace and blessing be upon whom Allaah sent as a mercy to the Worlds, upon his Family, his Companions and his Brothers until the Day of Resurrection:

It is not permissible for a woman to go to a (man) doctor when a woman doctor is available. As a basic principle, the woman has to go to a Muslim woman doctor, but if it is not possible, she has to go to a non Muslim woman doctor. And if it is not possible to go neither to a Muslim nor a non Muslim woman doctor, in need, she can see a doctor (man). Moreover; she is allowed to unveil whatever the doctor needs to examine; but, as a condition, her husband or her Mahram must be present during the examination in order to not be in isolation with him. This is permissible because its forbiddance is the [kind of] forbiddance concerning means; and in such case it is permissible in need.

The perfect knowledge belongs to Allaah (*Mighty and Majestic is He*); and our last prayer is all the praises and thanks are to Allaah, the Lord of the Worlds, and prayers of Allaah are to Muhammad and his Family, Companions and Brothers until the Day of Resurrection.