



Whether a woman should work if she studies medicine

The third and fourteenth questions of Fatwa no. (6908):

Q 3: I feel a heavy responsibility as a female doctor. Can I be truly Multazimah (practicing Muslim woman) and avoid all sins? I question myself every day, and I always find that I have made a mistake. I am afraid that if I quit my job and stay at home, I will be questioned about my knowledge and what I have done with it, especially that my study cost my family and my country a lot. **Q 14:** Some people claim that women working as doctors is a collective obligation, while others claim that there is no need for women to work as doctors due to

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the trials they might meet in their work; men should do their part out of necessity. What is your opinion?

A: First, you should fear Allah (may He be Exalted) as He should be feared as much as you can, and do your best to help your patients, while performing your obligations such as Salah (Prayer) and others. At the same time, you should give up all that Allah (may He be Exalted) has prohibited. If you are unable to help the patients for some reason, there is no sin on you, as Allah (may He be Exalted) says, ﴿ [Allâh burdens not a person beyond his scope.](#) ﴾ (Surah Al-Baqarah, 2: 286). Allah (may He be Exalted) also says, ﴿ [So keep your duty to Allâh and fear Him as much as you can.](#) ﴾ (Surah Al-Taghabun, 64: 16). **Second,** it is permissible for a woman to treat women. However, it is impermissible for her to mix with men at the work place. May Allah grant us success! May peace and blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family and Companions!

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