

11049 - Raaqi touching some part of a woman's body in order to expel jinn

the question

What is the ruling on touching a woman's body, her hand, forehead or neck, directly with no barrier in between, with the excuse of applying pressure on any jinn that are in her, especially given that in principle medical doctors in hospitals do the same thing? What are the regulations concerning that?

Detailed answer

It is not permissible for the raaqi to touch any part of a woman's body when he is doing ruqyah for her, because of the fitnah (temptation) involved in that. He should recite over her without touching.

There is a difference between what the raaqi does and what a doctor does, because the doctor may not be able to treat a patient without touching the site of the problem that he is treating. This is unlike the raaqi whose work – reciting Qur'aan then blowing on the person – does not depend on touching. And Allaah knows best.

[Translator's note: Raaqi means one who does ruqyah i.e., reciting Qur'aan and du'aa's over the sick for the purpose of seeking healing]