

Islam Question & Answer

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13982 - Does having a sample taken from the cervix break a woman's fast?

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Is it permissible to have a smear test whilst fasting? This involves the nurse taking a sample from the cervix at the neck of the womb.

Detailed answer

Praise be to Allah.

If having a smear test and having a sample taken from the cervix results in the emission of maniy (sexual discharge), then this breaks the woman's fast because it involves desire. If it simply involves taking a sample with no feelings of desire, then it does not break her fast. But it is better to delay it until the time of iftaar at night.