

Islam Question & Answer

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21055 - Male doctor being alone with a female nurse in the examination room

the question

I am a male doctor working in the examination room, and there is a female nurse in the same room. Until a patient comes in we talk about various matters. What does Islam say about this?

Detailed answer

Praise be to Allaah.

It is not permissible for a male nurse or male doctor to be alone with a female nurse or female doctor, whether in the examination room or anywhere else, because of the hadeeth quoted above, and because that leads to fitnah (temptation), except for the one upon whom Allaah has mercy. Men should be examined only by men and women should be examined only by women.