

## VEIL OR NO VEIL...TIME HAS COME TO ESTABLISH OUR OWN ISLAMIC HOSPITALS !

The issue of the VEIL(Niqab) in hospitals is all over the British media today and it looks complicated with no easy or clear solution to please all.

Although a very small minority of Muslim women do take the veil and is almost non existent to see Muslim woman medic with veil ...I personally never seen one in all life in any hospital .

It is no doubt blown out of proportion and is a part of the continuous anti Islam anti Muslim agenda going on frequently in the British media and fuelled up by the National Front and EDL.

It is based on: Islamophobia, sexism and racism ?

A Muslim woman does wear the veil commonly by choice and voluntarily ;

It is a human right and a religious right for any Muslim woman to wear the veil;

Surely no Muslim woman who is wearing the veil , should be FORCED to take out the veil , as she believes strongly in wearing it and is based on a strong religious conviction , in order to avoid exposing her face to a lot of men and strangers?

Many people do not know that a Muslim woman is allowed to be without veil in front of women only.. which is one great way out for a lot of situations people are complaining about.

The veil for a Muslim woman medic is a very small one in comparison with the many important religious needs of Muslim medics(men and women) during their medical practice and work in hospitals today !

Muslim medics(men and women) are SQUEEZED AND COERCED and PRESSURISED more and more today in order to compromise in their religious beliefs and practices in hospitals and clinics and to comply with the secular British system who is lacking ETHICS and MORALITY in a lot of aspects of life?

However it is important in the beginning to establish one fact in ISLAM: Islam is a whole way of life and Islam guides us in all our practices in the different aspects of life like : Food, dress, finance , work, morality ,marriage , medical practice, medical ethics , halal treatment , single sex environment etc...

Proper Islamic medical practice is a part of Islam.

Many people are unaware also that many of our Muslim patients and Muslim women patients are having a difficult uncomfortable life during their stay in hospitals and they too develop new ANXIETY for not catering to their religious needs while in hospitals like:

Female doctor to female patient , single sex ward , privacy , halal meat/food ,prayer facility etc...

These religious needs and problems play a role in causing more worry and anxiety to them and affect and delay their healing from many diseases.

If I can mention now some of these important Islamic religious issues which are affecting both Muslim medics(men and women) during their medical practice and work in hospitals today and which make their lives unhappy and uncomfortable :

-Before the veil , Muslim women medics were "PRESSURISED " and "FORCED" to : **bare below the elbow in their work in the hospitals ?**

This is not allowed to do in front of men/strangers/ male patients when the Muslim woman wears Hijab and practices her religion !

Unfortunately this is still a problem to a lot of Muslim women who also do not wear the veil.

-Muslim medics( and patients) would like to work and be in a **single sex environment** in the medical set up or in any working situation, with good **privacy** for the Muslim women patient..

-Muslim medics should not be pressurised to **kill** an innocent unborn child as **in abortion** which is legal : 600 innocent unborn children are butchered every day in Britain by doctors with the wasting of a lot of medical resources?

The pressure is more lately on many Muslim doctors to do the KILLING ,which is forbidden in Islam and contradicts our own Hippocratic oath !.

-Muslim medics are pressurised more to accept the legalisation of **Assisted suicide and euthanasia** which are again forbidden in Islam?

-Muslim medics(and patients) can not accept the new **Presumed consent**( which was legalised in Wales about two months ago) where the organs of the dead person are taken by force and without the written permission of the dead person before death.

-Muslim medics can not get involved in many IVF based on **egg or sperm donation or surrogacy and in most sterilisation.**

-Muslim medics should not be forced to prescribe **contraception and the Morning after-Pill** to any unmarried person , as one is helping the patient to practice adultery and fornication which are prohibited in Islam and can bring a lot of sexually transmitted diseases..

-Muslim medics can not get involved in most **plastic surgery** of today?

-Muslim medics( and patients) would love to have in all hospitals:

**\*Halal meat and Food**

**\* Prayer facilities**

However we have to confess that some hospitals are helping us in these religious needs.

-Muslim medics (and patients) would like to have **circumcision facility** for their new born sons in hospitals...but is difficult to do it today in almost all hospitals.!

-Muslim medics(and patients) do not agree with most **post-mortem** and would like quick **burial** to their dead patients/relatives...but unfortunately many are having difficulties in implement these 2 Islamic requirements.?

Etc...

We have still a lot to say more about the religious health and economic benefits of the Islamic hospital to both Muslim medics and Muslim patients.

No doubt, we like the Islamic hospital to link and coordinate well with the NHS and the Dept of Health and to be in harmony with many present medical laws and regulations.

However there is a case to consider also for a private Islamic hospital to cater for the religious and health needs of both: Muslim Medics and Muslim patients.

It is clear that most of the above mentioned Islamic/religious needs for Muslim doctors (and patients) in hospitals can only be practiced in an Islamic medical environment...The **Islamic hospital** .

Muslims over the centuries have established and built in many countries great Islamic hospitals which were MODELS in health and treatment , humane care and compassion , knowledge and sciences , training and ethics !

These Islamic hospitals were in fact THE LIGHT to both East and west.!

We believe that establishing Islamic hospitals in Britain is very much needed today and is in fact overdue.

Debate and discussion is needed first among our Muslim medics and patients and Muslim scholars, then a wider debate and discussion should follow after with the Health Minister, NHS, General Medical Council , patient organisations..to see how one can organise it well within the British medical system.

The Islamic hospital can be open to non Muslim medics and patients as long as the Islamic medical Ethos is not broken or marginalised.!

We already know about the presence of Catholic hospital, Jewish hospital etc.. here in Britain !

So is it too much to ask for an ISLAMIC HOSPITAL for the British Muslims in order to address and prevent all these MEDICAL RELIGIOUS ANXIETIES NEEDS AND PROBLEMS for both : Muslim medics(women and men) and Muslim patients.

The Islamic hospital is not only needed for Muslim medics but to Muslim patients too and it will be helpful also to the NHS by taking some of the burden out and some of the many pressure and difficulty is facing it now.

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