



## 10938 - Medical students dissecting human bodies

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### the question

I'm currently a medical student. In Medical school we are required to dissect and examine human cadavers (dead bodies). This is a very important part of the study of medicine and cannot be avoided. Is taking part in such practices for the purpose of being a doctor Haram?

### Detailed answer

Praise be to Allah.

If the cadaver is that of a dead kaafir, then it is OK. But if it is the body of a Muslim, then it is not permitted, because that involves disrespect, as well as uncovering the 'awrah. It was reported that the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) said: "The sanctity of the dead is like the sanctity of the living, and breaking the bone of a dead believer is like breaking it when he is alive."