223445 - Is Vasectomy Permissible in Islam?

the question

I was unaware of the Islamic rulings when I went in to have a vasectomy. What should I do now? In other words, what are the guidelines?

Summary of answer

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Detailed answer

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It says in a statement of the Islamic Fiqh Council: It is prohibited to permanently remove the ability to produce offspring for a man or a woman, which is what is known as sterilization , so long as there is no necessary reason, according to Islamic standards, for doing that.

This has been explained previously in the answers to questions no. 111969 and 47196 .

Reversing a Vasectomy

With regard to reversing the vasectomy, this is a matter concerning which one must refer to medical specialists. If the doctors determine that there is no harm that would result from that, then you must undergo this procedure and restore the vas deferens to its natural state.

But if that is not possible, or it will result in harm, then you do not have to do anything, because harm cannot be removed by further harm.

As you did that as a result of ignorance of the ruling, then Allah, may He be Exalted, will pardon you and there is no sin on you. Allah, may He be Exalted, Says (interpretation of the meaning): {And there is no blame upon you for that in which you have erred but [only for] what your hearts intended.} [Al-Ahzab 33:5]

And you did not deliberately intend to commit sin.

For more details, please see the following answers: 127170 , 231777 .

And Allah knows best.