



## 83720 - Can a female doctor travel with a Hajj group, without a mahram?

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### the question

I know that a woman is not permitted to travel without a mahram. Last year I travelled with one of the Hajj groups with a mahram. This year I do not have a mahram who can travel with me, but the groups needs a female doctor to travel with them, and now there is no time for the group to find another doctor. Please advise me what to do, may Allah reward you.

### Detailed answer

Praise be to Allah.

It is not permissible for a woman to travel without a mahram, even if she is travelling for the obligatory Hajj or obligatory 'Umrah, because of the report narrated by al-Bukhari (1729) and Muslim (2391) from Ibn 'Abbaas (may Allah be pleased with him) who said: The Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said: "No woman should travel except with a mahram, and no man should enter upon her unless there is a mahram with her." A man said: "O Messenger of Allah, I want to go out on such and such a campaign, and my wife wants to go for Hajj." He said: "Do Hajj with her."

With regard to the naafil Hajj, a woman is not allowed to travel for that without a mahram according to the majority of scholars, and some narrated that the scholars were unanimously agreed on this point.

The fact that a group needs a female doctor to travel with them and that there is no time to look for another doctor, does not make it permissible for you to travel with them without a mahram. How can a person draw closer to his Lord by doing Hajj or helping others by means of disobedience?

We ask Allah to guide you and make you steadfast.



And Allah knows best.