

Cultural Issues

The urethro-vesical bladder catheterization procedure

Read the following situation and find a solution to the case; then read about what they do.

“I couldn’t go and see a gynaecologist because I’d have problems with my husband,” said Aicha. Like her, many other Muslim women are not allowed to be consulted by a male gynaecologist. In a country where there are only three female gynaecologists it stands to reason that Muslim women’s access to specialists is highly restrained. In Burundi the Muslims represent 13% of the population. Most of them are traders. While economic integration is possible Muslim women still face a lot of problems when it comes to looking after their health. Many of them do not have the right to be looked after by a male doctor. It is their law that forbids it, they say.

SOLUTION

Whenever Aicha has to see a doctor for a medical check up or a health problem she has to be accompanied by her husband.