

## 6201 - Is Finding the Baby's Sex Before Birth Allowed in Islam?

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### the question

What is the ruling on finding the sex of the baby in the mother's womb before its birth by doing ultrasound and other medical equipment?

### Summary of answer

There is nothing wrong with finding out the sex of the baby before its birth unless it involves great expense.

### Detailed answer

Shaykh Muhammad ibn Salih Al-`Uthaymin (may Allah have mercy on him) said:

There is nothing wrong with [finding out the sex of the baby](#) before its birth unless it involves great expense.

It could be said that it is a waste of money because there is no need [to know the sex of the baby](#) except for the purposes of merely feeling happy because one knows whether it is a boy or a girl.

If [finding out the sex of the baby](#) in the mother's womb before its birth could not be achieved without spending a lot of money, then it is a waste of money and is not permitted.

And Allah knows best.