

99077 - She did not pay the fee for the scan, so what should she do?

the question

I went to a doctor's clinic for an ultra sound scan in a private hospital. She is my neighbor. I should have paid 200 SR for one scan. She did not take anything from me because I am her neighbor. I did this scan twice with her, and both times she refused to take the money, although I wanted to pay. Am I sinful? Does she have the right to do this? The machine is the hospital's, but I think that every doctor is allowed to lower the price of consultations for his relatives and friends.

I am confused. Is what she did permissible? Shall I pay the hospital this money? Is the sinful one here the doctor or me?

Detailed answer

If the administration of the clinic has given this doctor permission to do scans for some patients for free, then there is no blame on you for what she did. But if that was not the case, then it is not permissible to use the clinic's equipment without paying a fee, because the Prophet (blessings and peace of Allah be upon him) said: "It is not permissible to take a Muslim's wealth except with his willing consent." Narrated by Abu Ya'la; classed as sahih by al-Albani in *Sahih al-Jami'*, hadith no. 7662.

If the administration of the clinic allows the doctor to charge a reduced fee for her relatives or friends, then you should deduct the discounted amount, then pay the rest to the clinic.

You should persuade this doctor to accept the payment from you and give it to the clinic, after you explain to her that this action is haram – if the clinic did not give her permission to do that.

If she does not do that, then what you must do is make sure that this money reaches the clinic.

An-Nawawi (may Allah have mercy on him) said in *Sharh al-Muhadhdhab* (9/428):

If he has unlawful money and wants to repent and absolve himself – if the money has a specific owner, then he must give it to him or to his proxy, and if he has died, he must give it to his heirs. End quote.

You do not have to tell them the reason why they are entitled to this money; rather the objective is to make sure that the money reaches them by whatever means.

Please see also the answer to question no. [31234](#) .

And Allah knows best.