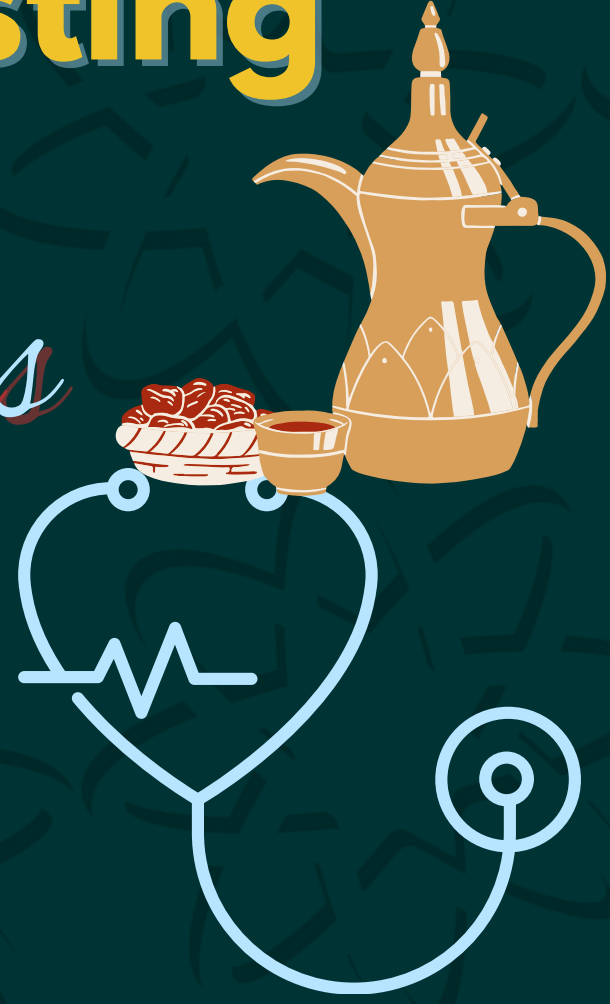


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### Blood Tests & Donations

Drawing blood for blood tests and donations does **not** break the fast.

However, drawing so much blood which weakens the body is **makrūh**.



[Kitābul Masā'il 2/153]

[Fatāwā Dārul 'Ulūm Zakariyyā 3/287-288]



### Use of Oxygen

Using an oxygen pump [without a humidifier] to aid in breathing does **not** break the fast.

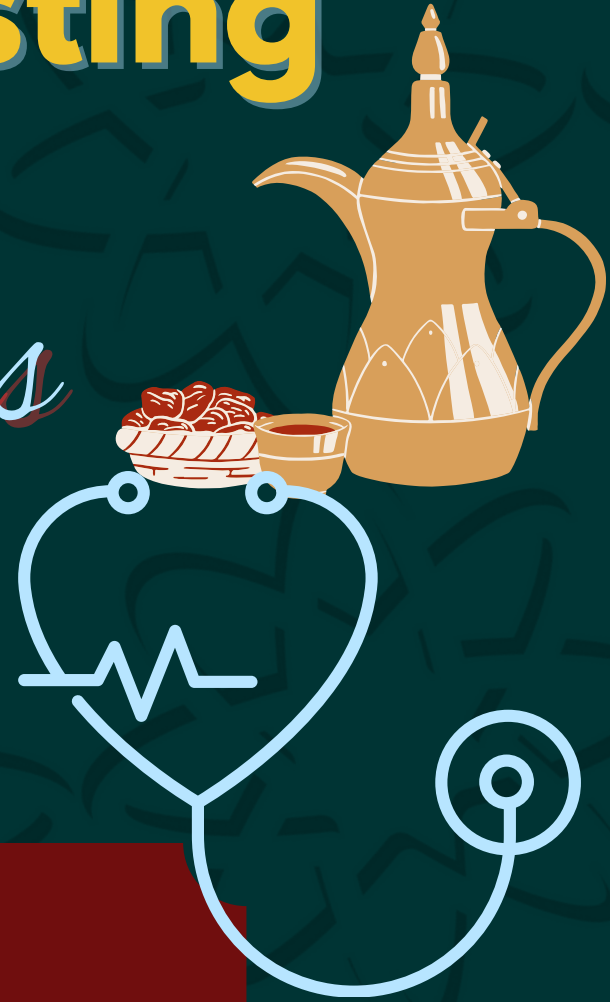
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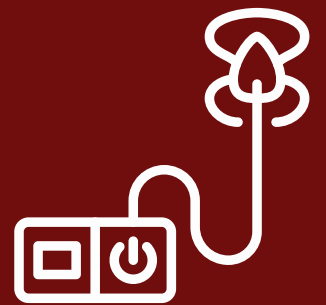


### CPAP Machine Continuous Positive Airway Pressure

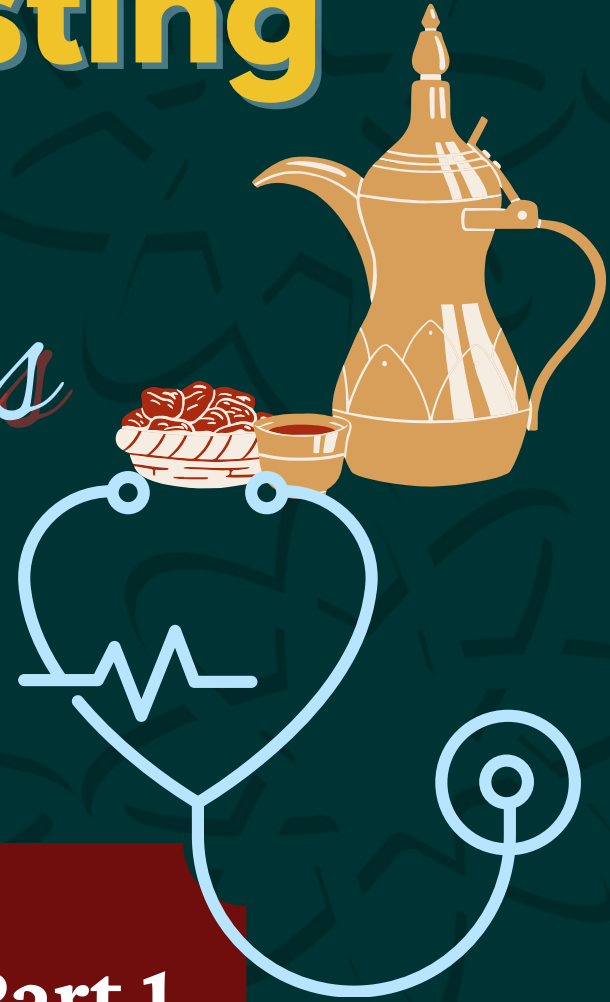
If the CPAP Machine uses some water and/or medication to provide humidity or soothing air for breathing, this will **invalidate** the fast.

However if the CPAP Machine is only used for increase air flow for ease in breathing, or in conjunction with only oxygen gas, this will **not** invalidate the fast.

[IlmHub, Askimam]



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### Asthma Inhalers

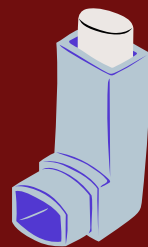
Part 1

**The usage of inhalers by asthma patients breaks the fast.**

[Kitābul Masā'il 2/162]

The medication reaches the throat [cavity of consequence] (and possibly further down the digestive tract) via the mouth [orifice of consequence].

[Criterion of Breaking Fast p.5]



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### Asthma Inhalers Part 2

#### Asthma Patient Who Cannot Endure Without Using An Inhaler

There are 3 opinions:

1. The inhaler breaks the fast. Therefore, he should fast without using the inhaler. If unable to fast in this manner, he is given the concession not to fast. If he recuperates, he should make up the fast. (If he is a terminal asthma patient), he should pay the fidyah.

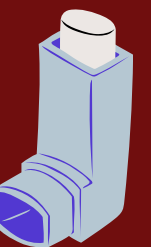
- This is the opinion of majority of the 'ulamā' of the Indian Sub-Continent and some muḥaqqiq and exceptional scholars of Syria and Egypt.

2. The inhaler does not break the fast because the particles are very minuscule. Based on this, such a patient can fast while using the inhaler and it will be valid. Qaḍā' of this fast will also not be wājib.

- This is the opinion of a number of Arab scholars.

3. Such a patient should be told to fast while using the inhaler. However, if he recuperates, he should make up those fasts out of caution. But if he [is terminally ill and] does not recover, he should pay the fidyah.

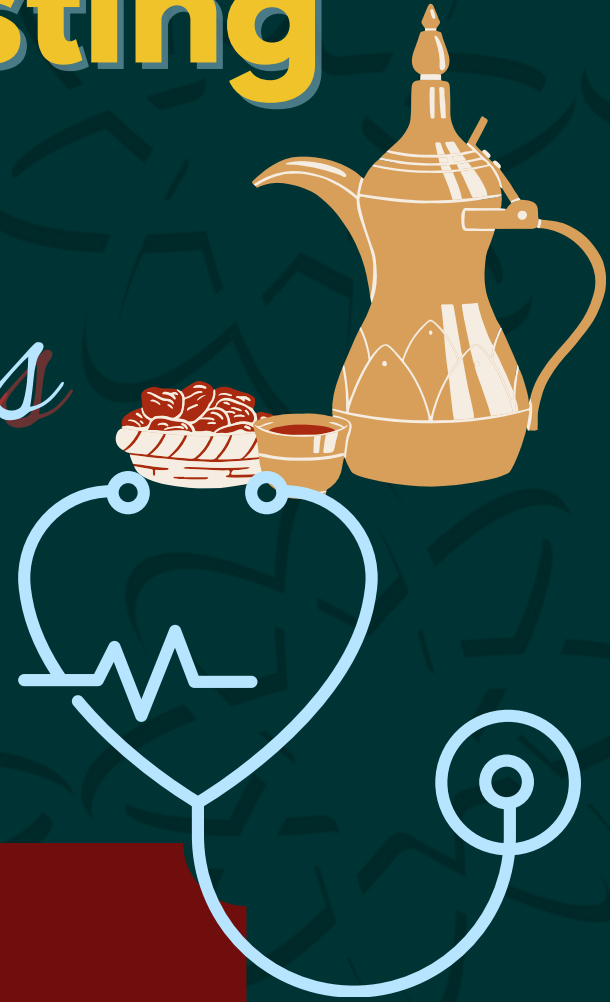
- **THIS THIRD OPINION IS THE MOST CAUTIOUS.**



[Kitābul Masā'il 2/162, Kitābun Nawāzil 6/386]

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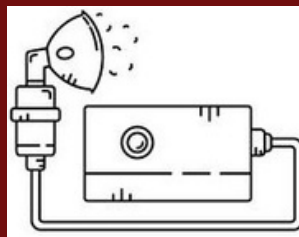


### Nebuliser

**Using a nebuliser  
breaks the fast.**

The mist inhaled is a mixture of gas and liquid particles in the form of small aerosol droplets which reach the throat [cavity of consequence] via the mouth [orifice of consequence].

[Criterion of Breaking Fast p.5]



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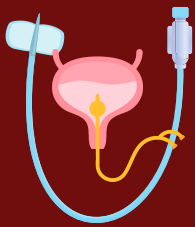
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### Intravesical Drug Delivery

Medication administered via a urinary catheter directly into the male or female's bladder does **not** break the fast.

[Dābiīṭul Muftīrāt fi Majālit Tadāwī- Muftī Rafī 'Uthmānī-pg. 31,34]

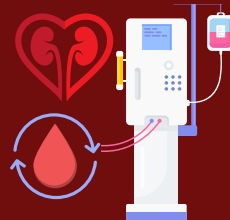


### Dialysis

Undergoing dialysis (whether peritoneal or haemodialysis) does **not** break the fast.

[Kitābul Masā'il 2/154]

[Criterion of Breaking Fast p.6]

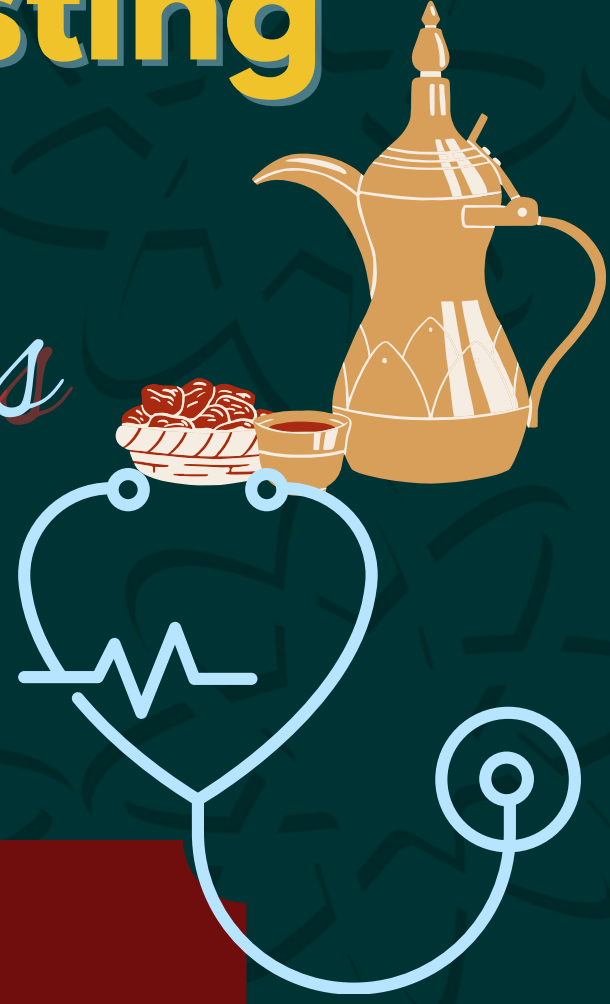


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## Injections

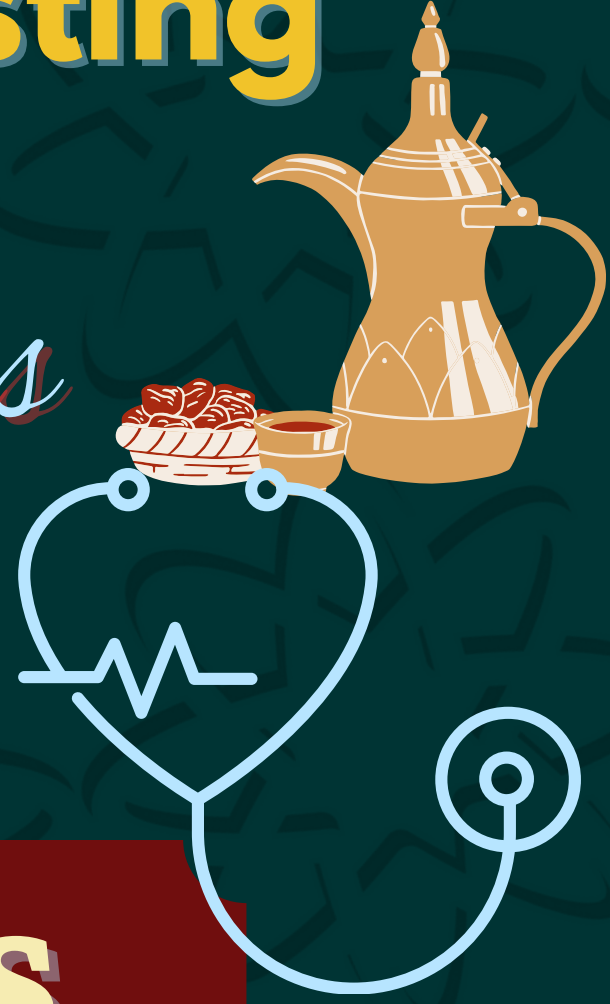
**Administering medication via an injection or being vaccinated while fasting does not break the fast.**

**(However, if it such that the medication reaches directly to the brain or intestines, the fast will break.)**

[Kitābul Masā'il 2/154]



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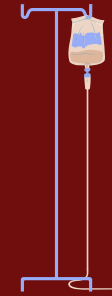


## IV Infusions

IV (intravenous) infusions, drips and glucose injections do **not** break the fast as they enter the bloodstream through the veins and not directly to the intestines or brain.

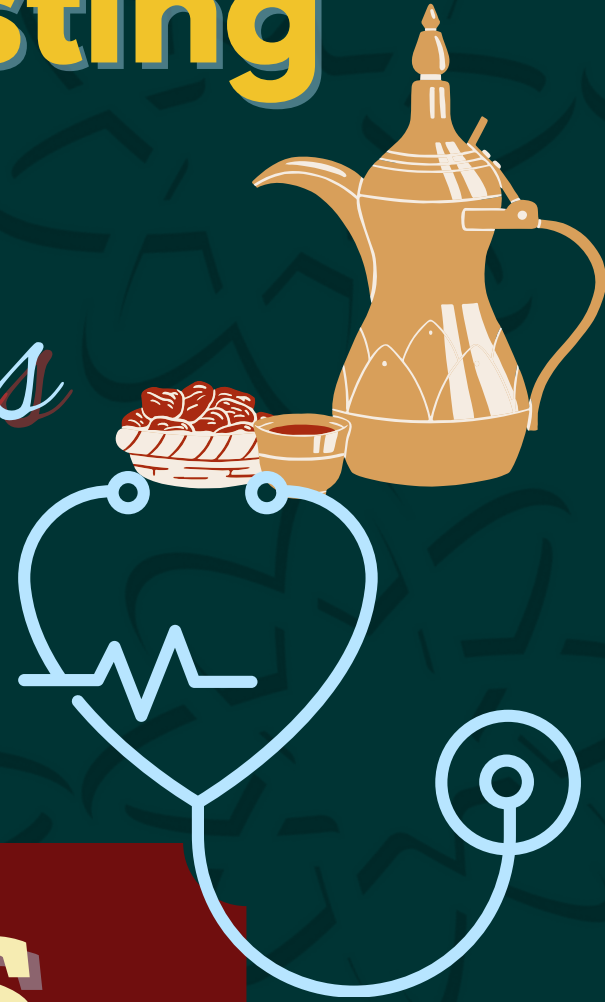
However, they should not be administered without a genuine need.

[Kitābul Masā'il 2/154]



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# Ear Drops

Ear drops do not break the fast provided that the eardrum is not perforated.

If it is perforated, the fast will break.

N.B. Modern medical research shows that there is no connection between the ear and throat if the tympanic membrane is not perforated.

[Dābiṭul Muṭṭirāt pg. 58, DU Karachi #80/1980, FDUZ 3/279, Marghūbul Fiqh 6/241]

N.B. Before applying, consult your doctor. He will be able to easily check if it is perforated or not with an otoscope.



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# Eye Drops

**Eye drops do not break the fast even if its residue can be tasted in the throat.** [Kitābul Masā'il 2/159]

A man came to Nabī ﷺ and said: “My eyes are bothering me, can I use kuḥl (antimony) while I am fasting?”

He (ﷺ) said: “Yes.” [Tirmidhī #726]

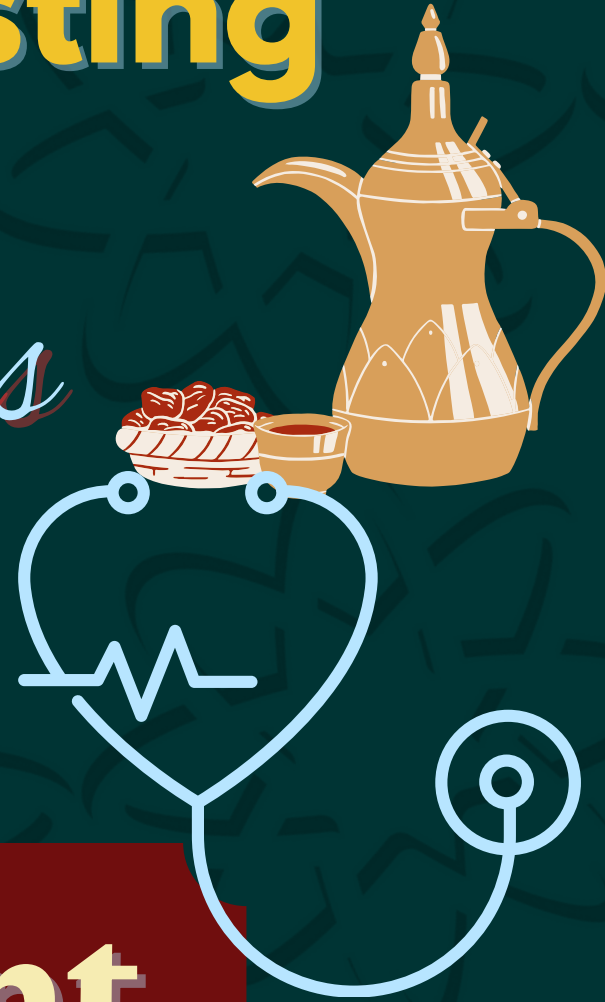
Based on this ḥadīth and others, the fuqahā' have asserted that one may apply medicine to one's eyes even if its residue is felt in the throat. [Kitābul Fatāwā 8/375]



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## Dental Treatment

Tooth extractions and applying medicine to the teeth do **not** break the fast provided that blood, medication or any other particles do not go down the throat.

However, it is **makrūh** if there is no severe need.

Therefore, if the need is not severe, it is best to avoid such treatment while fasting.

[Fatāwā Dārul 'Ulūm Zakariyyā' 3/297-298]

[Aḥsanul Fatāwā 4/436-437]



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**Transvaginal Ultrasound  
Cervical Screening & Pap Smear Tests**

**The fast does not break by undergoing these examinations even if lubricant is used.**

**N.B. The verdict of early Ḥanafī scholars was based on the medical research of the time which stated that there is a connection between a woman's vagina and urinary and digestive system. However, modern medical research proves that there is no direct connection between the uterus and the intestine.**



[Dābiṭul Muṭīrāt fi Majālit Tadāwī- Muftī Rafī 'Uthmānī-pg. 57-58]

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### Mentholated Topical Ointments (Vicks)

- There are three (3) scenarios. The first two (2) breaks the fast while the third does not:
  1. Putting vicks in boiling water and thereafter deliberately inhaling the steam (while fasting), will break one's fast.
  2. Fast will be broken by the inhaler whether taken thorough the mouth or nose.
  3. The topical application of Vicks does not invalidate one's fast.
- A substance with a discernable body must enter a valid entry point to potentially break the fast. Merely smelling or feeling the effects of Vicks within oneself will have no implications on one's fast.

[<https://fiqhulislam.com/application-vicks-fasting/>]

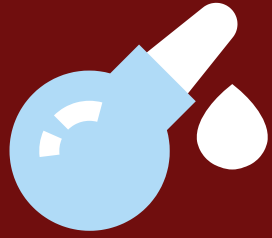




## Enema

Injecting medication into the rectum via the back passage breaks the fast.

[Kitābul Masā'il 2/167]



## Suppositories

The insertion of suppositories into the rectum will break the fast.

However, if it was inserted before true dawn (ṣubḥ ṣādiq) it will not break the fast.

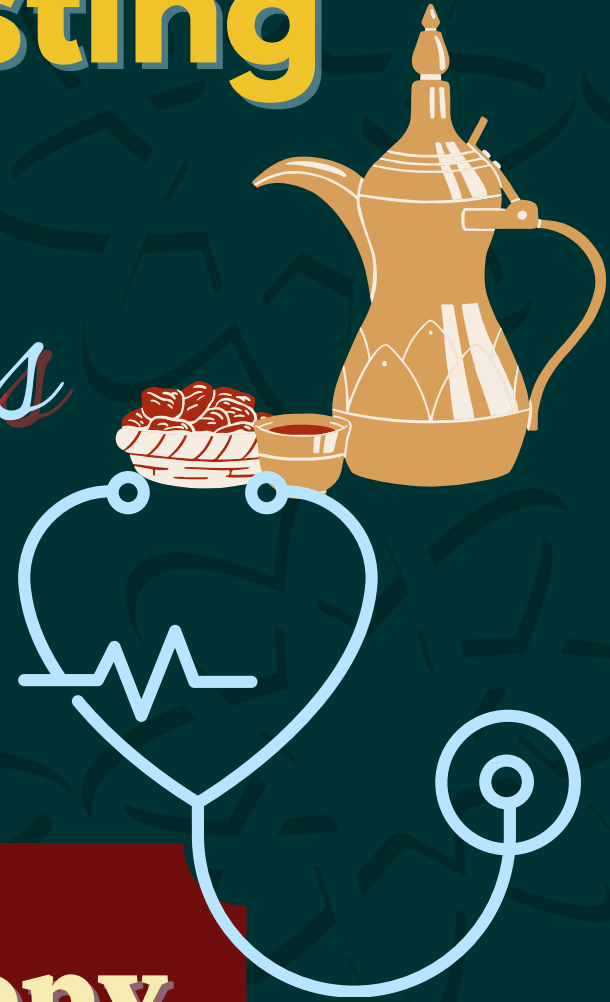
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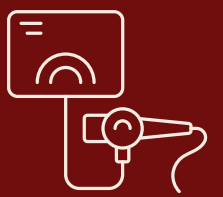
### Endoscopy & Colonoscopy

A lubricated endoscope inserted through the throat or nose for a gastrointestinal test will break the fast.

However, if it is unlubricated, it will not break the fast.

[Kitābul Masā'il 2/155]

The same rulings apply if inserted through the anus for a colonoscopy. [Criterion of Breaking Fast p.6]



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### Sublingual GTN Tablets

Tablets or sprays placed under the tongue to treat medical cases such as angina do **not** break the fast by diffusing (into the blood through the mucous membrane and capillaries beneath the tongue).

However, if its particles mix with the saliva and enter the throat, the fast **will** break.

Generally, it is very difficult to prevent the particles from mixing with the saliva and slipping down the throat. Therefore, to take these tablets without a severe need is **makrūh**.

[Kitābul Masā'il 2/153, Kitābun Nawāzil 6/385]

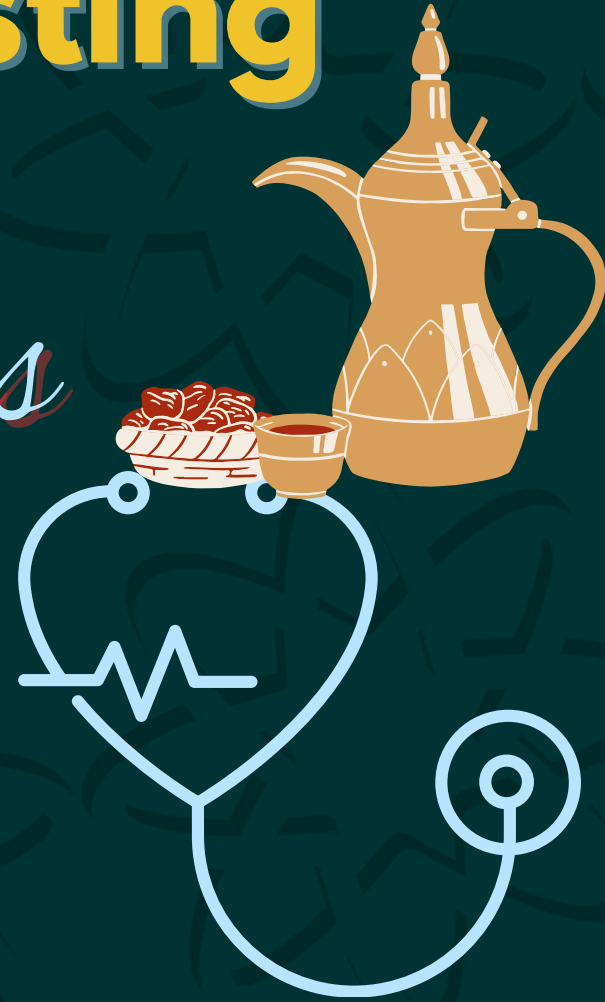
[Criterion of Breaking Fast p.4]





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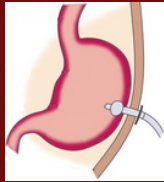
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### Gastrostomy

Administering food or medication via a tube inserted through the wall of the abdomen directly into the stomach, will break the fast.

[Criterion of Breaking Fast p.7]



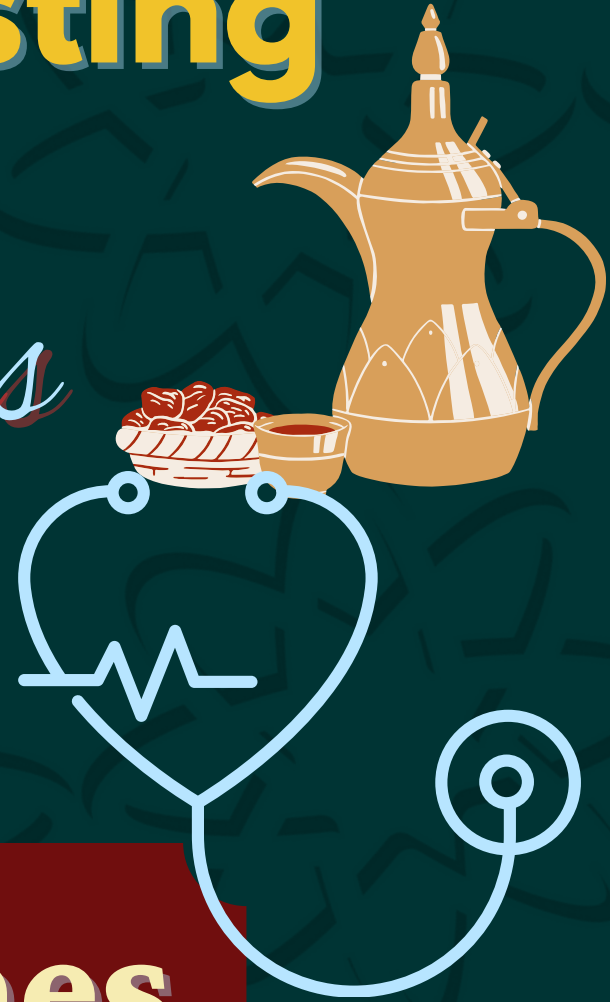
### Nasal Medication

Nasal drops, sprays and inhalers break the fast.

[Kitābul Masā'il 2/164]



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## Transdermal Patches

The application of nicotine patches does **not** break the fast.

The same ruling applies to the application of other transdermal patches such as nitroglycerine patches used to treat angina.

[Criterion of Breaking Fast p.7]

