



DOES VAGINAL DISCHARGE BRING ABOUT THE NEED FOR WUDU?

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We understand from the books of Hanafi Fiqh that anything which is omitted from the two orifices brings about wudu – *kharaja min al-sabilayn*. The rear passage and male anatomy is clear to be inclusive of this definition. However the female anatomy requires some explanation. The female anatomy is made up of the urethral orifice which is an external opening of the urethra from which urine is ejected which is physically in front of the vagina. The second is the vagina is a tubular tract leading from the uterus to the exterior of the female body.

A woman's urethra is located just above the vagina. Female discharge comes from the vagina, not the urethra; which is where menstrual discharge comes from. When there is discharge from the urethra than the woman should seek medical advice.

Once girl becomes *baligh* a white and/or clear wet mucous discharge is normal. This is called cervical mucus/leucorrhoea. It's part of the female reproductive cycle. The vagina is self-cleaning. This same discharge increases the closer a woman gets to ovulation and when a woman is sexually aroused.

The normal discharge is white/clear discharge but will turn yellow or dry yellow when exposed to air. If it is coming out yellow, then this may be due to a bacterial infection.

Different Types of Discharge:

White: Thick, white discharge is common at the beginning and end of a woman's cycle. Normal white discharge is not accompanied by itching. If itching is present, thick white discharge can indicate a yeast infection.

Clear and stretchy: This is "fertile" mucus and means a woman is ovulating.

Clear and watery: This occurs at different times of a woman's cycle and can be particularly heavy after exercising.

Yellow or Green: May indicate an infection, especially if thick or clumpy like cottage cheese or has a foul odour.

Spotting Blood/Brown Discharge: May happen right after periods, and is "cleaning out" part of the vagina. Old blood looks brown. This may occur when a woman is ovulating/mid-cycle.



According to Imam Abu Hanifa that part of the female anatomy is pure and hence as during discussions of the omission of wind any discharge is pure. According to the other two; Imam Abu Yusuf and Muhammad it is considered impure. Taking into consideration both views which exist and the various circumstances please see the summary below. In short preferable to clean garments and make wudu each time; however in the first situation can be considered pure

DISCHARGE TYPE	CIRCUMSTANCES	RULING
WHITE/CLEAR	'NORMAL' – OCCURS REGULARLY OR DIFFICULT TO CLEAN GARMENTS AND/OR MAKE WUDU DUE TO REGULARITY	CONSIDERED PURE - DOES NOT INVALIDATE WUDU
WHITE/CLEAR	'NORMAL' – OCCURS RARELY OR EASY TO CHANGE GRAMENTS AND/OR MAKE WUDU	PREFERABLE TO MAKE WUDU
CREAMY/WATERY YELLOW (ANY FLUID RELEASED DUE TO SEXUAL EXCITEMENT OR ORGASM IS CONSIDERD IMPURE)	SEXUALLY AROUSED	CONSIDERED IMPURE - INVALIDATES WUDU
OTHER COLOURS	DURING MENSTRUAL CYCLE	MENSTRUATION
OTHER COLOURS	OUTSIDE MENSTRUAL CYCLE (IF THIS PERSISTS FOR LONGER THAN THE DURATION OF ONE SALA CONSTANTLY THEN THIS IS ISTIHADA – SEE FATWA)	CONSIDERED IMPURE – INVALIDATES WUDU
ANY COLOUR	CAUSES IRRITATION/ITCHING AND HAS A STRONGER ODOUR	CONSIDERED IMPURE – INVALIDATES WUDU

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