

Female physicians' spouses more likely to work

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home, and graduate education status differed greatly between spouses of male physicians and female physicians. For instance, spouses of male physicians earned \$27,218 annually, compared with \$97,761 for [spouses](#) of female physicians.

"This marital pattern may affect decisions on intrahousehold time allocation, placing greater pressure on female physicians to trade professional for household responsibilities," the authors write.

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(HealthDay)—Spouses of female physicians are on average more educated and work more hours outside the home than spouses of male physicians, according to a research letter published online Nov. 21 in the *Annals of Internal Medicine*.

Dan P. Ly, M.D., from Harvard University in Boston, and colleagues used data from the American Community Survey (between 2000 and 2015) to compare self-reported occupation, personal income, hours worked outside the home, and graduate education status between spouses of male versus [female physicians](#) (30,898 and 17,625, respectively).

The researchers found that among male physicians, 17.1 percent were married to female physicians, 8.0 percent to nurses, and 3.3 percent to other [health care professionals](#), versus 31.4, 0.6, and 2.4 percent, respectively, among female physicians. Among couples consisting of only one physician, income, hours worked outside the

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