

Table 2: Preferred sex of surgeon by surgical specialty

Surgical specialty	Preferred sex of surgeon		
	Male	Female	No preference
	No. (%)	No. (%)	No. (%)
Personal heart surgeon (<i>n</i> = 988)	437 (44.2)	37 (3.7)	514 (52.0)
Personal neurosurgeon (<i>n</i> = 951)	428 (43.4)	4 (0.4)	519 (52.6)
Personal orthopaedic surgeon (<i>n</i> = 984)	412 (41.9)	34 (3.5)	538 (53.7)
Personal ophthalmologic surgeon (<i>n</i> = 988)	332 (33.6)	61 (6.2)	595 (60.2)
Personal ear nose and throat surgeon (<i>n</i> = 986)	320 (32.5)	62 (6.3)	604 (61.3)
Personal plastic surgeon (<i>n</i> = 979)	316 (32.3)	115 (11.7)	548 (56.0)
Personal obstetric/gynaecological surgeon (<i>n</i> = 855)	202 (23.6) ^a	214 (25.0)	439 (51.3)
Family heart surgeon (<i>n</i> = 981)	410 (41.8)	23 (2.3)	548 (55.9)
Family neurosurgeon (<i>n</i> = 980)	396 (40.4)	32 (3.3)	552 (56.3)
Family orthopaedic surgeon (<i>n</i> = 982)	380 (38.7)	23 (2.3)	579 (59.0))
Family ophthalmologic surgeon (<i>n</i> = 978)	303 (31.0)	44 (4.5)	631 (64.5)
Family ear nose and throat surgeon (<i>n</i> = 977)	294 (30.1)	42 (4.3)	641 (65.6)
Family plastic surgeon (<i>n</i> = 975)	295 (30.3)	86 (8.8)	594 (60.9)
Family obstetric/gynaecological surgeon (<i>n</i> = 972)	196 (20.2)	223 (22.9)	553 (56.9)

^aIt is not unusual in Lebanon for husband to choose the family's obstetrician. Some male participants may have answered on behalf of their wives.