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# Think the glass ceiling's shattered? Not in medicine

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Men make 41% more than women across all medical specialties, and 21% more in Primary Care. From [medscape.com](http://medscape.com).

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Medscape just published [a study](#) of almost 16,000 physicians across the country, gathering data on demographics, specialties, and compensation. Not a whole lot of the findings surprised me – I could have told you that Orthopedic Surgeons and Radiologists make the most bank. I also had a feeling male doctors still make more than women. But I *was* surprised to find out just how *huge* the salary disparity is between men and women physicians in 2011.

Across all specialties, men are making a median of \$225,000 per year, while women are making \$160,000. That means men are making a whopping 41% more. Or to look at the numbers a different way, it will take a female doc a year and five months to earn the salary men make in a year.

demanding specialties (and avoid fields like Orthopedic Surgery), which would mean they are underrepresented in the highest paying fields. Some might work only part time. And of course, there is still some good old fashioned sexism that happens in the field of medicine.

The feminist in me is enraged looking at these statistics. I just hope that over the next few generations, when women finally make up half the physician population, the gender gap will close. What do *you* think?