AIM
To evaluate the practice of cautery for medical use in the light of Shari’a rules

METHODS
The history, evolution and current practice of cauterization for medical purpose were examined. The principles of Islamic Jurisprudence and prophetic practices were reviewed. The decree (“Fatawa”) of Islamic Scholars were collected. The objectives of the use of cauterization were analyzed in the light of Islamic legal maxims

CONCLUSION
According to Islamic legal maxims, if the use of electrocautery for surgical procedure is necessary and is carried out to benefit patients in order to eliminate the harm of the disease, make life more comfortable and the benefits outweighs the risk of complication then there is no element of dislike in such practice.

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RESULTS
There are few contradictory Ahadiths. The one where Prophet Muhammad has used cauterisation to stop bleeding from an injury1. In another hadith he has mentioned that he would not prefer his followers to use cautery2 and the third hadith where those people have been praised who did not use the cautery3. Moreover, in those days people used to rely on this practice and well-known belief was that the “ultimate remedy is in the cautery”4.

Old method
1. Pain
2. Infections
3. Sepsis
4. Death

Current Practice “electrocautery”
1. High frequency electric energy is used to convert into heat energy energy
2. Cutting, coagulation, vaporization, desiccation, and fulguration.
3. Under local, regional or under general anaesthetics
4. Safer and comfortable.