



also discover something. It's a perfect speciality to do both things.



We spoke earlier about female stereotypes in science. Of all of these stereotypes, which is the one that angers you the most?

In my field, stereotypes really exist. It's 100% true that there are a lot of stereotypes. There are specialities that are thought to be male fields. Abdominal surgery is one of them. When people say it's not for a woman, maybe they are right just because you need to dedicate all of your time to be successful. It requires a lot of physical effort to stand for many hours in the operation room. That's why my colleagues remind me: *"You are not a woman here. You are a surgeon. Don't*

complain, just work well!"

Work like a man... Does this anger you or is it justified?

Really, it doesn't anger me. If you are discriminated against as woman and told to do something else, it's one thing. The other thing is that if you see the operation, study, work hard, and dedicate all of your time, eventually you'll be able to do it.

Do you feel like there is a glass ceiling above you that prevents you from succeeding because you are a woman?

Fortunately, not yet because I just started my work. Everything is possible for me. Maybe in several years, I will change my mind.

Do you think you have to do more work because you are a woman?

Yes - It's because of the stereotypes.

Is it because you feel the stereotypes or because other people make you feel the stereotypes?

Maybe it's because of the other people. Usually, there are few women working as abdominal surgeons. Even if we look at young surgeons, there are a lot of women among them. With experienced surgeons, we can see that the majority of women prefer to choose some specialization rather than stay and perform these long hour operations.

I think that stereotypes usually exist in male fields because it requires certain physical strengths. For example, in my work. Of course, we are equal in terms of the law, but in nature we are not identical. If a woman has children, she has to stop working for a while. Men have that extra time to progress. It's