A leading TV doctor has apologised for performing a dance with women dressed as 'sexy nurses'.

Nursing groups accused Dr. Mehmet Oz of having a lack of respect for their profession for using the dancers in a 'sexist caricature' of the profession.

Viewers of the Oprah Winfrey-produced Dr. Oz Show watched in surprise as the respected Professor of Surgery at Columbia University joined the women in the dance.
They were wearing high heels, retro nurses caps and white dresses with red lingerie peeking through.

Dr. Oz, who found fame on The Oprah Winfrey Show spending five seasons as her health expert, initially failed to apologise for the dance.

But he has now said sorry in a statement for 'any hurt feelings', more than a month after the episode was screened.

The statement said: 'Dr. Oz has worked alongside extraordinary nursing professionals throughout his medical career and holds nurses in the highest regard as they save lives and heal patients.

'Sexist': The TV doctor, who found fame on The Oprah Winfrey show, joined in with the 'healthy' dance

Good times: Dr. Oz appeared to be enjoying himself during the dance

'Any attempt at humour should never call into question Dr. Oz's utmost respect for the nurses with whom he works and has lauded in other shows.'

Critics have called for Dr. Oz to repeat his apology on the show, after attacking him for the portrayal.

Sandy Summers, of nursing group The Truth About Nursing, called the segment demoralising and demeaning to nurses.
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Backers: Oprah Winfrey’s production company Harpo created the Dr. Oz Show.

She has launched a letter-writing campaign encouraging others to protest it.

‘Many people look to Dr. Oz for reliable health information, and he should teach them who nurses really are, and be part of the solution to the nursing crisis,’ she added.

American Nurses Association spokeswoman Joan Hurwitz also criticised the segment.

‘It’s disappointing in terms of a show like Dr. Oz using that kind of sexist caricature of nursing,’ she said.

Fighting media images that belittle nursing is an ‘uphill battle,’ she said, adding, ‘with a physician, I guess we would expect more.’

The feature involved guest Angel Williams, who attributed a 200lb weight loss to dancing.

She announced she would ‘get sexy’ and unbuttoned the top of her outfit to show her red undergarment as she invited Dr. Oz to dance with her.

Five other women in similar costumes joined the pair and the audience in the dance.

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