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◆ **Mission, Texas, rheumatologist Jorge Zamora-Quezada, M.D., was found guilty by a jury Jan. 15 for his part in a \$325 million health fraud scheme** in which he “falsely diagnosed patients with life-long diseases and treated them with toxic medications,” the Department of Justice said.<sup>[1]</sup> Zamora-Quezada gave many patients a fake diagnosis of rheumatoid arthritis and treated them with chemotherapy drugs and other medically unnecessary medications. As a result, the patients suffered physical and emotional harm. Some patients were as young as 13. Evidence presented at trial showed the physician also falsified medical records, the Department of Justice said. Zamora-Quezada was convicted of health fraud, conspiracy to commit health fraud and conspiracy to obstruct justice.

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