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◆ Virginia obstetrician-gynecologist Javaid Perwaiz was convicted by a jury Nov. 9 on 52 counts in connection with a scheme to bill insurers millions of dollars for hysterectomies and other surgeries and procedures that weren't medically necessary, the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Virginia said.<sup>[1]</sup> In many cases, Perwaiz told his patients they needed surgeries to avoid cancer. "The evidence at trial also demonstrated that Perwaiz falsified records for his obstetric patients so that he could induce their labor early, prior to the recommended gestational age that minimizes risk to the mother and baby, to ensure he would be able to conduct and be reimbursed for the deliveries," the U.S. attorney's office said. He faces a maximum penalty of 465 years in prison and is scheduled for sentencing on March 31, 2021.

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