

Over-stenting doc submits to 10-year prison sentence

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Louisiana interventional cardiologist Dr. Mehmood Patel begins a 10-year prison sentence after losing an appeal bid.



A Louisiana interventional cardiologist accused of performing heart procedures on patient unnecessarily began his 10-year prison sentence this month after years of attempting to appeal his verdict.

Dr. Mehmood Patel, 64, was convicted in 2009 of 51 counts of fraudulently billing Medicare and other insurance groups for medical procedures that were deemed unnecessary. Patel was given a 10-year prison sentence, which was to start in July 2009.

Patel has been attempting to appeal the conviction, but this month agreed to begin his sentence after a 5th Circuit Court of Appeals upheld the lower court's decision, [Heartwire](#) [1] reported.

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