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State board suspends pain-clinic doctor's license; Practice represents danger to public, agency says

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The State Medical Board today suspended the medical license of Dr. James E. Lundeen Sr., a Columbus doctor who has been the target of investigations alleging he over-prescribed narcotic pain pills to patients around the state.

Gov. John Kasich, who earlier this year urged the board to act swiftly to suspend Lundeen, was "extremely happy with their decision and hopes they will continue to take a very aggressive approach moving forward," spokesman Rob Nichols said.

In a statement, the board said it acted on "clear and convincing evidence that Dr. Lundeen violated the Medical Practice Act and his continued practice presents a danger of immediate and serious harm to the public." The suspension took effect immediately.

The board said that in 26 cases it examined, Lundeen "failed to conduct appropriate physical examinations and excessively and inappropriately prescribed narcotic pain medication and other drugs of abuse."

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