

# Hospital: Doc gave near-death patients excessive pain meds

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An Ohio hospital system says an intensive care doctor ordered "significantly excessive and potentially fatal" doses of pain medicine for at least 27 near-death patients in the past few years after families asked to stop lifesaving measures.

The Columbus-area Mount Carmel Health System says it fired the doctor, notified authorities and removed 20 employees from [patient care](#) pending further investigation. Those include pharmacists and nurses who administered medication.

The announcement came after a family sued, alleging medicine was used to hasten a patient's death. The [lawsuit](#) was filed Monday against the [health system](#), a pharmacist, a nurse and the doctor, which it identifies as William Husel.

Case records list no attorney to comment on Husel's behalf. There is no public personal phone listing for him.

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