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## North Miami Beach pain doctor barred from prescribing drugs

Florida's surgeon general has halted a North Miami Beach pain doctor from prescribing pain drugs and tranquilizers, saying in an emergency order that Dr. Michael I. Rose's "excessively high doses" of drugs left at least one patient "at immediate risk of mortality."

In an emergency administrative order signed last week, Surgeon General Ana M. Viamonte Ros restricted Rose from prescribing or dispensing any controlled substances. Rose is a psychiatrist who operates the 163rd Street Pain Clinic at 1131 NE 163rd St.

Viamonte Ros criticized Rose for prescribing hundreds of painkillers to a 45-year-old woman with HIV and scores of pain pills and tranquilizers to a 50-year-old man.

The order says the state Department of Health, will seek a "formal restriction or discipline" of Rose. Rose did not return calls seeking comment.

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