

Erie Doctor [Heberle] Investigated by DEA & Attorney General

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An Erie doctor has decided to close his practice after being raided by the Drug Enforcement Agency.

The closing comes after months of investigations by the D.E.A. and attorney general's office.

Doctor Paul Heberle says his southeast Erie office was raided by D.E.A. agents on Monday. Now he has closed his office.

Doctor Heberle is an internal medicine physician who started his practice a year and a half ago. He says he primarily treats people with chronic pain issues who have no where to go. Heberle says that he inherited most of his patients from Doctor David Klees who faced several charges, including involuntary manslaughter, after allegedly illegally prescribing painkillers

Dr. Heberle says he does not treat drug addicts. Heberle says the reason the D.E.A. is investigating him is because a patient died from an overdose.

Eight D.E.A. agents and members of the Attorney General's office raided his office and home, and took 12 patient files and billing records.

Doctor Heberle has since decided to shutdown his office.

In a letter to his patients, he says, "Everything in the D.E.A. paperwork that I have been shown... both medical references and quotes from people is a complete distortion of reality."

Dr. Heberle goes on to say, "You need to see that your rights are being taken away from you. You deserve to be able to work on your medical problems with your doctor without being bullied by thugs with a badge."

Doctor Heberle says he does not have a lawyer and told us he may give up medicine all together. Doctor Heberle also works at Millcreek Community Hospital.