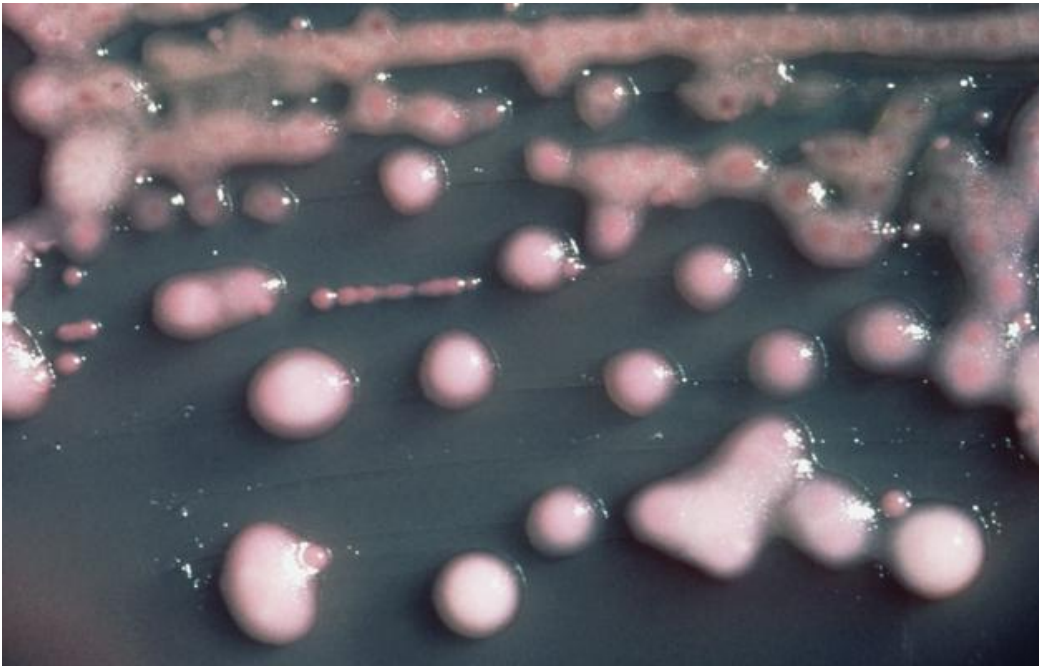


Superbug hits nine in private hospitals

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Klebsiella pneumoniae, the bacterium in which NDM-1 was first identified.
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Nine patients in private hospitals have contracted the superbug New Delhi Metallo-Beta-Lactamase (NDM1).

Two people who contracted the infection had since died but medical experts said their deaths were not a result of the infection.

The superbug surfaced at the Life Glynnwood Hospital in Benoni several weeks ago, The Star newspaper reported.

NDM1 bacterial strain is found in *E. coli* and in *Klebsiella pneumoniae* and live in the gastrointestinal tract, affecting patients' lungs and urinary tract. The strain impacts on the body's ability to heal itself, according to the report.

The strain is resistant even to last-resort antibiotics called carbapenems, used when common antibiotics have failed.

Source: <http://www.timeslive.co.za/local/2011/10/17/superbug-hits-nine-in-private-hospitals>