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### Deadly bacteria found in neonatal unit at Miami Children's Hospital, doctor says

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Miami Children's Hospital is trying to remove at least two strands of a deadly and drug-resistant bacteria from its Neonatal Intensive Care Unit after two babies died at the hospital, WPLG Local 10 News is reporting.

The NICU is designed for the care of premature or ill newborn babies.

The head of a South Florida neonatology group, who did not want to be identified, told Local 10's Rob Schmitt that many children in one area of the ward have been moved to another area of the hospital.

The deaths happened sometime in the last few days. The Miami-Dade County Health Department told Local 10 that the hospital contacted them regarding the deaths. They said the hospital wanted to know if there had been any outbreaks in the community or in other area hospitals that could be responsible for the situation.

Miami Children's Hospital released the following statement:

"The hospital extends deepest sympathy to the families of the babies. We have taken all appropriate precautions to protect the health and safety of our patients and families. We continue to examine this matter in detail. At this time, the results of our examination are inconclusive. Due to privacy laws we are unable to give specific patient information."

A spokesman for the medical examiner's office said Wednesday that no babies have come to the office from Miami Children's Hospital in the last month.

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