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ALERT: UPDATE ON OUTBREAK OF KLEBSIELLA AT MAHATMA GANDHI MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

One baby died early this morning of Klebsiella infection. The baby died at Inkosi Albert Luthuli Memorial Hospital in Durban. The baby was born on 6 June 2005 and was transferred from Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Hospital to Inkosi Albert Luthuli on the 9th of June 2005. The baby had been in isolation at the hospital and was closely monitored so that there would be no chance of the infection spreading to other babies at the hospital.

This brings to 15 the number of babies who have died after their blood culture tested positive for Klebsiella infection.

The total number of babies who have tested positive for Klebsiella infection since its outbreak in the Neonatal ICU at Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Hospital on 23 May 2005 stands at 20. Fifteen of the infected babies have died. One baby has been discharged and currently 4 babies are receiving treatment.

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