

Probe into mold at UPMC transplant hospital completed

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The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has finished its onsite review of a mold problem at the transplant intensive care unit at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center.

The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette is reporting that CDC officials believe three transplant patients who developed mold infections and later died likely breathed in the mold spores instead of having their skin come into contact with mold. That's important because the hospital network had been focusing on bed linens as a possible source of the problem.

UPMC has said it hasn't been conclusively determined that the mold led to those deaths. A fourth transplant patient also developed a mold infection and lived.

The CDC is expected to complete a report on the mold issue in a few weeks.

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