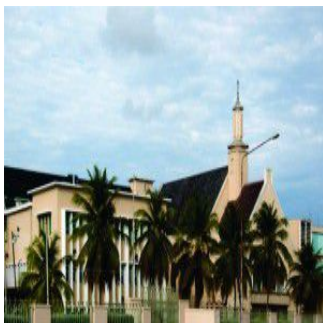

Curaçao Hospital not Taking in New Patients in Intensive Care Because of Bacteria



Management of the Saint Elisabeth Hospital (SEHOS) confirmed this morning that the Intensive Care section of the hospital cannot take more patients because there is bacteria present. According to the management it's the "Klebsiella" bacteria. This decision is valid until further notice.

It's not the first time that SEHOS is not able to take more patients. In 2010 the hospital was not able to take patients because there were no more room in the intensive care section.

Klebsiella is a genus of non-motile, Gram-negative, oxidase-negative, rod-shaped bacteria with a prominent polysaccharide-based capsule.¹ It is named after the German microbiologist Edwin Klebs (1834–1913). Frequent human pathogens, *Klebsiella* organisms can lead to a wide range of disease states, notably pneumonia, urinary tract infections, septicemia, and soft tissue infections.² *Klebsiella* species have also been implicated in the pathogenesis of ankylosing spondylitis and other spondyloarthropathies.

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