

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 02, 2002 7:23 PM  
**Subject:** MORE ON LEGIONELLA

*Dear Aquathin Dealer OnLine, Splash NewsBulletin and Allergic Reaction NewsBulletin Members;*

*On June 18, 2002 we sent you a Forum Q & A concerning Legionella. Please review this quick read cooberating the problem located in hospitals.*

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## Two die from Legionnaires' disease in hospital water

LOS ANGELES — Since January, Legionnaires' disease has killed two patients and sickened seven at Good Samaritan Hospital, reportedly due to the hospital's water system.

The [Associated Press](#) (AP) reported that officials believe the patients were contaminated with the virus after drinking the hospital's water, which contained bacterium *Legionella pneumophila*.

Hospital patients have been given bottled water instead of tap water since the virus was discovered in the water supply in January, according to AP, which also said the hospital took further precaution by changing all shower heads and performing a super-heated water flush of its plumbing system.

People can breathe in the Legionella bacterium through shower mist, county officials said in the AP story.

The report also indicated that county testing showed other patients in the community were also exposed. In response, Good Samaritan is screening all patients for pneumonia, AP reported.

Legionnaires' disease affects 8,000 to 18,000 people annually, with most cases acquired in the home or community, according to the AP story.

The disease is fatal in 5 percent to 30 percent of the cases, according to the federal Centers for Disease Prevention and Control, Atlanta.