

Cockroaches in sick child's hospital bed, other patients also find crawlies

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A mother in Guangzhou, South China's Guangdong Province was horrified to find her sick child was sharing a hospital sickbed with a bunch of cockroaches, a video by Knews reported Tuesday.

The child's mother, surnamed Liu, brought her child to the hospital with a high fever Monday night and was put on an intravenous drip.

Knews reported that the child complained of being bitten by bugs and when the mother lifted the mattress, several large crawly bugs skittered away. The Knews also shot video of bugs it said were hiding under the mattress of a hospital bed.

"I thought they were ants but found they were actually cockroaches!" Liu said, who stamped on one or two but was overwhelmed by more than ten others on the bed.

Other patients told Liu that they had also found cockroaches in the bed, according to Liu.

The mother was doubly concerned as her child had a bacterial infection, which she said could have been aggravated by the bugs in the bed.

The hospital showed Knews an inspection sheet that staff initialed after they disinfect and rid the area of cockroaches, which is done twice a week. The hospital said it would take further action to improve sanitary conditions.

The incident outraged netizens with some calling for staff at the hospital to be punished.