

# Timeline of events



• **April 27**  
SGH reports one hep C infection case

• **May 14**  
Three more hep C cases surface. SGH realises this is unusual and initiates a review of its dialysis centre

• **May 29**  
It is confirmed that problem is not at dialysis centre. Meanwhile, a total of seven hep C cases have surfaced

• **June 3**  
SGH's Infection Control Unit starts investigating the cluster

• **June 5-8**  
Infection control measures instituted

• **June 21**  
Queried by a ministry division about the infections, SGH says it is investigating

• **Late June**  
Nine new cases tested

• **July 29**  
Lab analysis by SGH of first 20 cases confirms they are related. This has taken nearly two months



• **August**  
Reports and findings are finalised in order to brief Ministry of Health and SingHealth Group CEO

• **Aug 31**  
Preliminary findings shared with MOH staff for first time, more than three months after SGH started probing the issue



• **Sept 3**  
SGH meets director of medical services Benjamin Ong (left), who finds that the report still does not give a full picture. He wants A\*Star to verify analysis and SGH to suspend transplants

• **Sept 7**  
Preliminary A\*Star report concurs with SGH findings

• **Sept 18**  
Minister of Health is informed

• **Sept 20**  
Report sent to SingHealth board

• **Sept 25**  
SGH briefs minister, who instructs that an independent review committee (IRC) be appointed and the matter be made public

• **Oct 6**  
SGH holds media briefing on the outbreak while ministry reveals convening of the IRC



• **Dec 8**  
IRC report on hep C outbreak released