Transfusion-transmitted infections
UK, 2015

Stay vigilant

*Screening of platelets may not prevent units with bacteria present from entering the supply*

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*Investigate all possible risk exposures to determine the source of infection*

The risk of transfusion-transmitted HBV, HCV or HIV is very low in the UK

Since 1996:

- 11 HBV confirmed incidents
- 2 HCV confirmed incidents
- 2 HIV confirmed incidents