Infection Risks of Blood Transfusion:

Hepatitis B 1 per 300,000 to 500,000 transfused units

Hepatitis C 1 per 1,500,000 to 2,000,000 transfused units

HIV-1 1 per 2,000,000 to 3,000,000 transfused units

HIV-2 insignificant (theoretical risk)

HTLV-1 1 per 3,000,000 transfused units

HTLV-2 insignificant (theoretical risk)

West Nile Virus insignificant (none reported for multiple years)

Malaria approximately 1 per 4,000,000 transfused units

Chagas' disease not known, considered highly unlikely

(donor screening by serology recently begun)

Prion disease theoretical only for CJD (no known cases),

(CJD and vCJD) but transfusion-transmitted vCJD has occurred

and been documented in the United Kingdom,

but never in the United States

Babesiosis risk from donors living in East Coast U.S., with

1 to 2 transfusion-related fatalities per year

Syphilis insignificant (theoretical risk nowadays)

Other extremely rare infectious risks of blood transfusion:

Parvovirus B19, Bartonella sp., Borrelia sp., Rickettsia sp., Brucella sp.,

Leishmania sp., Toxoplasma sp., and Trypanosoma sp.

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