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Blood Transfusion Infects Russian Man With HIV

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A Russian man has contracted HIV after receiving a transfusion of infected blood during surgery at a hospital in the Chelyabinsk region, the Investigative Committee said.

Investigators are looking into the circumstances in which the 56-year-old local resident was given a blood transfusion from an HIV-positive donor in August, the committee said in a statement Monday.

The man was admitted to the hospital for heart surgery, which was carried out successfully but required a blood transfusion, LifeNews reported.

A scheduled blood test weeks later showed that the man had become HIV-positive, the report said.

Investigators believe that an employee at a local blood donation center failed to check donated blood for HIV, but certified it as having been cleared for transfusion anyway, LifeNews reported.

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