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## Transfusion Errors



Each year, more than 4 million people need to undergo blood transfusion, reports the American Association of Blood Banks (AABB). Nearly half of significant transfusion errors involve administration of the wrong blood, or administration to the wrong patient. Two-thirds of these errors are associated with incorrect blood recipient identification occurring at the patient's bedside.

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