

when you need an emergency blood transfusion

you are covered

If you are involved in an accident or taken ill and require a blood transfusion, can you be sure that the blood you receive is screened?

The Blood Care Foundation is designed to alleviate the shortages of screened blood which occur in many parts of the developing world. This can be due to the availability of certain blood groups, cultural taboos, financial constraints or a high incidence of transmitted diseases, such as HIV I and II, Hepatitis B and C and Malaria.

The provision of blood cover by the Foundation, particularly to expatriates, business travellers and those travelling, ensures that screened blood supplies are available immediately.

- **Providing resuscitation fluids**
- **Supplying sterile transfusion equipment**
- **Delivering properly screened blood**
- **Supporting on-site medical staff with consultation services**

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As soon as the 24 hour emergency alarm centre is advised that blood may be needed, the Foundation will contact your physician to identify the transfusion requirements. If a transfusion is required, the Foundation will arrange for resuscitation fluids from a Regional Supply Point (RSP) to be delivered by courier – wherever in the world you may be.

The Foundation operates a global network of blood banks, enabling it to provide blood to almost any location in the world within 12-18 hours – subject to availability of scheduled air services. Every courier is either an anaesthetist or paramedic, trained in cardio-pulmonary resuscitation and capable of establishing a transfusion, even in the shocked patient.

The Blood Care Foundation is the only organisation which provides rabies vaccine and immunoglobulin in countries where rabies is prevalent. The Foundation are frequently approached as the only reliable source.

According to the CDC, the vast majority of Africa and Asia, northern parts of South and Central America, parts of USA and parts of Eastern Europe and Mediterranean islands are either medium or high risk.

Rabies is a vaccine-preventable viral disease which occurs in more than 150 countries and territories. Infection causes tens of thousands of deaths every year, 95% of which are in Asia and Africa. 40% of people who are bitten by suspect rabid animals are children under 15 years of age.

Every year more than 15 million people receive a post-bite vaccination to prevent the disease - this is estimated to prevent hundreds of thousands of rabies deaths annually.

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