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## HEPATITIS B

I attach 4 reports of hepatitis in patients associated with transfusion.

There seems little doubt that this is a case of hepatitis B and a donor was found on retest to be positive for HB Ag.
This is a doubtful case of hepatitis B. This patient was negative for HB Ag and one donor was positive on one occasion.
You will note that the virologist at St Thomas's does not consider this to be a case of hepatitis B.
As you will see there is no indication that the 10 donors all of whom were tested by the most sensitive techniques available, were responsible for transmitting hepatifis B to this patient.
This patient clearly had hepatitis B for which the fibrinogen may have been responsible. Unfortunately no record of the batch number was kept.
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