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SUSPECTED AIDS IN A RECIPIENT OF BLOOD TRANSFUSION

I have been informed that there is a patient aged 69 who had a coronary by-pass operation in 1982 and was then transfused with eighteen pints of blood who is now believed to be suffering from AIDS and is in Manchester Royal Infirmary. Not all the circumstances reported above have been verified. Staff dealing with the patient have been warned about their responsibilities with regard to confidentiality. However knowing the sums that newspapers are prepared to pay it seems quite possible that this will be 'leaked' in the near future. It will certainly become public knowledge when the case is reported to CDSC.

I will keep your office fully informed of any developments.

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