



Intravenous news: The BBC report “Children under 13 undergoing a blood transfusion should be given specially filtered blood to cut the risk of fatal new variant Creutzfeldt-Jacob Disease (CJD), say government scientists.” The Advisory Committee on the Safety of Blood, Tissues and Organs (SaBTO) has been looking at a new type of filter which removes CJD agents – called prions – from donated blood.

There is still real uncertainty over how many people are infected with CJD. One estimate claims it is between one in 4,000 and one in 20,000. But there have only been five known cases of transmission of CJD through contaminated blood and blood products.”

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