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# Pathogens in the Blood Supply



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According to the American Blood Center, approximately 14 million units of blood are transfused in the United States every year. Current screening methods routinely test for several pathogens, including the Hepatitis B virus, Hepatitis C virus, Human Immunodeficiency viruses, Types 1 and 2, Human T-Lymphotropic virus Types 1 and 2 and syphilis. Recent headlines indicate that the blood supply may contain other organisms, such as Xenotropic Murine Leukemia Virus Related Virus (XMRV), that are not currently being identified in these routine screens. This symposium will diagnose the current problems, reveal recent advances in the testing and screening of the blood supply, and will explore future directions.

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Presented by the **Emerging Infectious Diseases and Microbiology Discussion Group** at the **New York Academy of Sciences**

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29**  
1:00 PM-  
5:00 PM

## Reception to follow

### Registration

Member: FREE

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### Location

The New York  
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