

The American Association of Blood Banking (AABB), on June 18, 2010, issued a Bulletin to its member blood collectors requesting that CFIDS/ME patients be actively discouraged from donating blood because of the "risk of transmission of XMRV" (Xenotropic Murine-Related Virus). In October, 2009 the Journal Science published a study which presented evidence of an association of XMRV with CFIDS/ME. In making this recommendation, the AABB is concerned about the safety of the U.S. blood supply. [Read the AABB press release](#) .