

## **Transfusions end up deadly for hundreds**

Blood transfusions meant to help save lives have instead ended in the deaths of hundreds of hospital patients across the country, **Newsday** reported. Overall, at least 441 patients died between 1995 and 2001 following transfusions, a **Newsday** investigation found. **Newsday's** examination of government records obtained through Freedom of Information Act requests found two deaths in **Georgia** — one in **Athens** and one in **Macon**. No details were available. At least 78 of the deaths reported to the Food and Drug Administration occurred after hospital workers gave patients the wrong type of blood.

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