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Death that followed blood mix-up probed

SARASOTA, Fla. — A patient died after receiving the wrong blood type during a transfusion, but hospital officials said it has not been determined whether the mistake killed her. "It was a medical error, but we don't know if it was the cause of death," said Dr. Duncan Finlay, chief executive of Sarasota Memorial Hospital. He blamed the mistake on a mislabeled blood sample. The woman died late last month, about a day after the transfusion, but the hospital has not released her name, age or details about her condition. Hospital spokesman Mike Vizvary said an internal investigation was continuing, but administrators have not taken action against anyone involved. The state also will investigate.

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