FDA Fines Red Cross Over $9M for Not Improving Blood Safety

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The Red Cross has been fined $9.59 million for not following Food and Drug Administration (FDA) rules designed to avoid blood supply contamination, Bloomberg reports. Problems cited by the FDA in the wake of a 2010 inspection include inadequate staff training in blood-safety procedures and failure to create a list of potential blood donors who've been disqualified from giving blood. The Red Cross has been cited 14 times since 2003 for similar failures, racking up $46 million in fines. The Red Cross says it's working with the FDA to comply with regulations and is "safer today than ever before and people should not hesitate to give or receive blood."

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