

Countries of Risk for variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease (vCJD)

These lists were prepared from the FDA Guidance for Industry “[Revised Preventive Measures to Reduce the Possible Risk of Transmission of Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease and variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease by Blood and Blood Products](#),” updated January 2016.

The FDA Guidance regarding volunteer blood donor eligibility is based on travel to countries where cases of Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE), also known as Mad Cow Disease, have been identified. The basis for this rule is the theoretical risk of transmission of variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease (vCJD) by blood transfusion. vCJD is a rare degenerative brain disease that may be associated with the consumption of BSE-contaminated beef products.

If you have traveled to, lived in, or received a blood transfusion in the following countries since 1980, please notify Blood Center staff to determine your eligibility as a volunteer blood donor.

vCJD Countries of Risk – Europe

Albania	Macedonia (Republic of)
Austria	Martinique*
Belgium**	Mayotte*
Bosnia-Herzegovina	Montenegro
Bulgaria	Netherlands** including Holland**
Corsica*	Norway
Croatia	Poland
Czech Republic	Portugal** including Azores**
Denmark	Réunion*
Finland	Romania
France*	Serbia
French Guiana*	Slovak Republic
Germany**	Slovakia
Greece** including Chios, Corfu, Crete**, Kos Island, Mykonos, Paros, Rhodes, Samos, Santorini, & Skiathos	Slovenia
Guadeloupe*	Spain** including Balearic Islands, Canary Islands, Ceuta, Ibiza, Isla de Alborán, Islas Chafarinas, Mallorca, Mellila, Minorca, Peñón de Alhucemas, Peñón de Vélez de la Gomera, & Spanish North African Territories
Hungary	Sweden
Ireland (Republic of)	Switzerland
Italy** including Capri, Elba, Sardinia, & Sicily**	Turkey** (Military Base Only)
Kosovo	Yugoslavia (Republic of)
Liechtenstein	
Luxembourg	

vCJD Countries of Risk – UK

Britain**
British Isles
Channel Islands, including Alderny,
Guernsey, Herm, Jersey, & Sark
England**
Falkland Islands, including Islas Malvinas
Gibraltar
Great Britain**
Hebrides Islands
Isle of Man
Northern Ireland
Orkney Islands
Scotland
Shetland Islands
United Kingdom**
Wales

*Countries in France

****US Military Bases in Northern Europe (risk from 01/01/1980 through 12/31/1990)**

****US Military Bases in Southern Europe (risk from 01/01/1980 through 12/31/1996)**