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Mirror reported on FDA's crackdown on hospitals on November 29, 2014

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19 BLOOD BANKS UNDER SCANNER

FDA officials bay for overcharging hospitals' blood

Step writers on blood banks of top city hospitals and independent facilities that allegedly charged patients higher rates than prescribed by govt

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has announced it is investigating 19 blood banks across the country for allegedly overcharging hospitals and independent facilities. The FDA says the banks charged rates up to 100 percent higher than what it says are reasonable market prices.



The FDA conducted inspections at 19 facilities across the state between Nov 3 and 25. Many blood banks charged \$5 to \$1,000 more than the rates set by govt in June.

The FDA says it found that many of the banks charged rates that were significantly higher than what it says are reasonable market prices. The FDA says it also found that many of the banks did not have adequate quality control procedures in place.

The FDA says it is working with the banks to resolve the issues and is seeking to ensure that patients are not overcharged for their blood. The FDA says it is also working with the banks to improve their quality control procedures.

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