

3,000 INFECTED IN NHS SCANDAL



## BRITISH PATIENTS GIVEN AIDS BLOOD FROM U.S. JAILS

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Horror . . . scandal of US blood

# US BLOOD IS DEATH SENTENCE

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**A MAN** who got deadly Hepatitis C from a blood transfusion when he was SEVEN has spoken of his horrific ordeal for the first time.

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He cannot get a mortgage or insurance because of his illness.

Simon got the disease in 1978 — when he was given “dirty” American blood during an injection for his haemophilia, at Royal London Hospital in Whitechapel.

On Monday The Sun revealed the NHS was urged NOT to buy US blood from 1975, because American drug firms were paying prisoners, drug addicts and prostitutes to donate.

Simon, of King's Lynn, Norfolk, said yesterday: “I had no idea I was being given infected blood. The NHS knew of the dangers — but I now have progressed liver disease.

“I don't know what being healthy is because of this.”

He has written to Prime Minister Tony Blair and Health Secretary Patricia Hewitt and is demanding a probe.

Simon said: “I want a public inquiry into how I and thousands of others were given a death sentence. It's like mass murder.”