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tr.v. **trans·fused**, **trans·fus·ing**, **trans·fus·es**

1. To pour (something) out of one vessel into another.
2. To cause to be instilled or imparted: *transfused a love of learning to her children.*
3. To diffuse through; permeate: *a glade that was transfused with sunlight.*
4. *Medicine* To administer a transfusion of or to: *transfuse blood into a patient; transfuse a patient.*

[Middle English *transfusen*, to transmit, from Latin *trānsfundere*, *trānsfūs-*, to transfuse : *trāns-*, trans- + *fundere*, to pour; see **gheu-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

trans·fus *er n.*

trans·fus *i·ble*, **trans·fus** *a·ble* *adj.*

trans·fu *sive* (-fy sīv, -zīv) *adj.*

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