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Dr. Jerry Holmberg has more than 35 years in all areas of laboratory medicine with a concentration on blood bank operations, education, and policies. His dedication to others and improvement of health care has been reflected in his national service within the military and public life through the Department of Defense and the Department of Health and Human Services. For six years prior to his military career he taught senior level Medical Technology and Pathology courses at Michigan State University and Bowling Green State University.

Dr. Holmberg served in the US Navy, achieving the rank of Commander. During that period, he held various positions directing blood banks, blood donor centers, frozen blood bank depots, and programs affiliated with the Navy and DoD. Dr. Holmberg obtained the Specialist in Blood Bank certification through training at the Tri-Service Blood Bank Fellowship at Walter Reed Army Medical Center and obtained a specialist in immunohematology. He continued on with advanced graduate training at Bowling Green State University. His military career included two tours of duty at the National Naval Medical Center, US Pacific Command Joint Blood Program Office in Okinawa, Japan, Functional Program Manager for the Defense Blood Standard System, Head of Navy Blood Program, and Laboratory Chief of the Blood Bank Branch of the Joint Readiness Clinical Advisory Board. Upon leaving the military Dr. Holmberg held positions at Haemonetics Corporation involving medical devices for blood collection and cell processing of frozen blood.

In 2003, the Department of Health and Human Services appointed Dr. Holmberg as the Senior Advisor for Blood Policy and the Executive Secretary for the Advisory Committee on Blood Safety and Availability. He continues to hold that position, working directly for the Assistant Secretary for Health. He has served three Secretaries of Health and Human Services and five Assistant Secretary for Health as their Senior Advisor for Blood Policy.

Dr. Holmberg received his B.S. in Biology from Saginaw Valley State College, his Medical Technology training at St. Luke's Hospital in Saginaw, Michigan and M.S. in Clinical Laboratory Science from Michigan State University. He completed the Blood Bank Fellowship at Walter Reed Army Medical Center and Ph.D. in Biological Sciences from Bowling Green State University. He holds a certification in both medical technology, a specialist in blood bank technology, and quality assurance.