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Doctoral Project:
Supply Effects of Implementing
Donor Interval Strategies to
Prevent Iron Deficiency in Blood
Donors

Doctoral Project Chair:
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Dr. Kevin Belanger joined the Army in the mid 1980's and became a Combat Medic serving in the 10th Mountain Light Infantry Division. In 1989, he was commissioned in the Medical Service Corps specializing in Laboratory Management. Dr. Belanger served for 20 years in the Army occupying many positions such as Korean Joint Blood Program Officer, Laboratory Manager, Combat Developer, Instructor, Commander of the 440th Blood Detachment, and Chief Blood Services at Eisenhower Army Medical Center. After retirement in 2008, he assumed his current position as President/CEO of Sheppard Community Blood Center in Augusta, GA. Dr. Belanger also holds board certifications as a Medical Technologist, Specialist in Blood Banking, and Six Sigma Black Belt.

Why did you pursue a DHA degree?

Pursuing a DHA degree was important to me for several reasons. First, it was important for me to gain knowledge of the United States Healthcare system in general and what obstacles we face as a nation. Second, I needed to enhance my knowledge base so I could communicate effectively to Hospital Executives. And finally, it was important to network with other healthcare professionals and learn from them what they see as the future of healthcare.