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Prior to taking up a post of the Director of Immunohematology at the Institute for Transfusion Medicine and Immunohematology of the Red Cross Transfusion Service in Baden-Baden, Germany, Dr. Scharberg was employed as Resident at the Department of Internal Medicine (1989 – 1991) and the Department of Anesthesiology (1991 – 1992) at the Evangelisches Hospital in Oberhausen, Germany. In 1993 he joined the Institute for Transfusion Medicine and Immunohematology in Baden-Baden, Germany where he worked as Senior Resident and became the Director of Immunohematology and the Deputy Medical Director of the Blood Center in 1997.

Since 1997 Dr. Scharberg has been responsible for the Reference Laboratory and the Donor Blood Group Screening Lab. The Blood Center runs 190,000 blood donations annually and serves as a reference laboratory for more than 100 hospitals in South-western Germany. Providing compatible blood to patients with multiple antibodies and scientific research in the field of immunohematology have been his main work and passion. He has published numerous papers on serological and molecular blood group testing and has been speaker at many national and international conferences (ISBT, AABB, DGTI).

In 2012 Dr. Scharberg described the new low prevalence Rh antigen PARG (RH60) and in 2016 the new low prevalence KEL antigen KEAL (KEL39) which have been recognized by the ISBT.

Since 2012 he has also been Head of the In-vitro-Diagnostics Department of the Blood Center which launched the production of CE licensed test cells for immunohematological diagnostics.

Dr. Scharberg is a member of the ISBT, AABB, DGTI (German Society for Transfusion Medicine and Immunohematology). He is the vice-chair of the ISBT Working Party on Rare Donors and an active member of the ISBT Party Immunohematology.