



## MEET THE TEAM BEHIND THE TECHNOLOGY

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PROCESSING DIRECTOR

#### THE BASICS

**Years with Lattice:** 1

**Previous Roles with Lattice:**  
Processing Technician

#### THE INTERVIEW

**How many years have you worked in this industry?**

31. I have been in the industry since 1985. Prior to that I was a Surgical Technician specializing in orthopedics and trauma.

**What are you most looking forward to doing and learning in this position?**

I most enjoy training and sharing my knowledge and years of experience, in the industry, with new folks. I also enjoy the art of shaping and developing tissue grafts from beginning to end and the processes employed to do so. The craftsmanship, if you will.

**What do you enjoy most about your work?**

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**Scott was among the first class to ever take the Certified Tissue Bank Specialist (CTBS) examination offered by the American Association of Tissue Banks (AATB), 27 years ago.**

**What 3 things do you believe will be most critical for Lattice's success in the next couple years?**

1. Continued visionary and supportive leadership.
2. Continued investment in quality sales, administrative, and clinical staff.
3. The continued generosity and altruism of donors and their families around the world who selflessly give the "Gift of Life."

**What do you most want to accomplish through your work at Lattice?**

At Lattice, what I most want to accomplish is becoming a contributing member of a team that brings cutting-edge technology and ideas to fruition through careful planning and a "no fear" work ethic.

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## CAREER STATS

### What is the greatest advice you can offer someone interested in pursuing a career in this field?

I would say there is no greater purpose in life than to serve others!

### What is your biggest personal goal outside of the office?

To become a scratch golfer.

### What totally different job would you have in another life?

In another life, I would be a secret agent. Excitement, living on the edge, and beautiful women!! : )

### What Biologics Fun Fact do you want to see in one of our upcoming newsletters?

I would like to see an article on how excessive cleaning is helping to create "superbugs."

### What is a Fun Fact about you?

I played high school football against William "The Fridge" Perry and summer league baseball against Mookie Wilson, both very successful professional athletes, for those who may not know.

### Past Career Highlights:

- Processing Supervisor, Bacterin, Inc. - Belgrade, MT
- Organ Preservation/Tissue Field Supervisor, Gift of Life Michigan - Ann Arbor, MI
- Processing Supervisor, Michigan Tissue Bank - Lansing, MI
- Manager of Procurement and Processing, Mid-America Tissue Center - Massillon, OH
- Processing Supervisor, American Red Cross S.E. Tissue Services - Columbia, SC

### Education & Certifications:

- Associates Degree, Surgical Technology, Midlands Technical College - Columbia, SC (Graduated cum laude)
- American Association of Tissue Banks (AATB) - Certified Tissue Bank Specialist (CTBS)

### Accomplishments:

- I am most proud to have shared this journey with my wonderful wife, Cheryl, and my two sons, Jesse and Matt.
- Established a hospital-based tissue bank in Massillon, OH from the ground-up. It was later purchased by the OPO LifeBanc. I
- Among the first class to ever take the Certified Tissue Bank Specialist (CTBS) examination offered by the American Association of Tissue Banks (AATB) in 1989.
- Remained continuously CTBS certified for 27 consecutive years.
- I am proud to know, and call friends, the many people I have met and have been influenced by in this amazing field.

### Career Mission:

To "Honor the Gift of Life;" serve others through the gift of life; and never, ever give up!!