

## John Lynch, MD, MPH

### Short Bio

John Lynch, MD, MPH is an infectious diseases physician focused on improving the operations and capacities of healthcare teams to improve patient care and safety. He is an Associate Medical Director at [Harborview Medical Center](#) (HMC), a mission-driven, Level-1 burn and trauma teaching hospital in Seattle, Washington that is part of the UW Medicine health system. At HMC, he leads the hospital's Infection Prevention & Control (IPC), Employee Health (EH), and Sepsis Programs and is the lead clinician for UW Medicine's COVID-19 emergency response. He is active at the local, state, and national level as an expert on IPC, antimicrobial stewardship, EH, healthcare worker vaccination programs, and pandemic preparedness for hospital facilities. He is an active member of the Infectious Diseases Society of America, including a 3-year appointment on the Board of Directors (2019-2022) and currently chairing the Society's rapid guideline committee on personal protective equipment for healthcare personnel working with patients with known or suspected COVID-19.

Dr. Lynch co-leads the [Center for Stewardship in Medicine](#) (CSiM), a group of physicians and pharmacists working to bridge knowledge gaps (in both directions) between academic medical centers and rural health care facilities. Their work is mainly in antimicrobial stewardship and infection prevention (including COVID prevention and treatment protocols) but also extends to building quality improvement programs in those facilities. CSiM is composed of three main activities: UW Tele-Antimicrobial Stewardship (UW TASP), a telementoring program, the Intensive Quality Improvement Cohorts (IQIC), and resource/tool development program to support the goals of the program.

In addition, Dr Lynch also works with [Dr. Peter Rabinowitz](#) (PI) to provide subject matter expertise on a long-running project to build IPC and COVID response capacity in hospitals in Kenya as part of the UW I-TECH [Global Health Security Agenda](#) (GHTSA) project.

John is a Professor of Medicine in the Division of Allergy & Infectious Diseases in the Department of Medicine at the UW. After graduating from medical school at the UW, he completed a residency in internal medicine at Massachusetts General Hospital before returning to UW to do his fellowship in infectious diseases. During his fellowship he was a post-doctoral fellow in the laboratory of [Dr. Julie Overbaugh](#) and joined the faculty in 2009. He completed his MPH in epidemiology and global health at UW School of Public Health in 2010.