

Thomas Lynch, MD

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Dr. Thomas Lynch has had a distinguished career as a senior medical administrator in the Veterans Health Administration (VHA) and as a senior education officer in university and medical school settings. Previous to this appointment, Dr. Lynch served as the Chief of Staff at the VA Nebraska-Western Iowa Health Care System (NWIHCS) since March of 2011 where he was accountable for the delivery of evidence-based, high quality, patient-centered health care. In addition, Dr. Lynch was also the Director of the VISN 23 Surgical Specialty Care Service Line (SSC SL). As director of the SSC SL, he was responsible for representing the interests of surgical services of eight facilities within VISN 23 to the Network Director and Chief Medical Officer, as well as the executive leadership council. From 1999 to 2009, he served as the Chief of Surgery at the Omaha VAMC as well as Chief of Vascular Surgery from 1988 to 2010. During his tenure as Chief of Surgery, Dr. Lynch chaired a committee chartered by the Under Secretary for Health to develop a model identifying the appropriate supporting surgical infrastructure based on the complexity of surgical procedures performed at VA facilities.



Dr. Lynch has also served as Chief of Vascular Surgery at the VA Medical Center (VAMC), East Orange, N.J., from 1980 to 1986; and Associate Chief of Surgery at the Boston (Jamaica Plain) VAMC from 1986 to 1988. He was Chief of Vascular Surgery at the University of Nebraska Medical Center until 2007 and remains a Professor of Surgery.

Dr. Lynch is a native of Cedar Rapids, IA. He earned his undergraduate degree from John Carroll University, Cleveland, Ohio. He received his medical degree from Georgetown University in 1973. He completed his internship at the Medical Center Hospital of Vermont, his residency in general surgery at Georgetown, and a fellowship in vascular surgery at the University of Iowa hospitals and clinics. He is board certified in General Vascular Surgery. Dr. Lynch received a Masters degree in Health Care Management from the Harvard School of Public Health in 2012.

Dr. Lynch is a fellow of the American College of Surgeons, and a member of the American Surgical Association, the Society for Vascular Surgery, and the Society of University Surgeons. He is a former President of the Association for Surgical Education. Dr. Lynch has a long standing interest in the noninvasive diagnosis of vascular disease and computer-aided instruction. He has over 120 peer reviewed publications and book chapters. He is a member of the editorial board of the Journal of Vascular Surgery and the American Journal of Surgery.