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Lynch Appointed New Chief of Staff

OMAHA, Neb. — Thomas G. Lynch, M.D., was appointed VA Nebraska-Western Iowa Health Care System's chief of staff, effective March 28.

Dr. Lynch was appointed acting chief of staff Jan. 5, 2009, and served in this role since.

Dr. Lynch is also director of the Surgical Specialty Care Service Line (SSC SL), Veterans Integrated System Network (VISN23). As director of the SSC SL, he is responsible for representing the interests of surgical services at the eight facilities within VISN 23 to the network director and chief medical officer, as well as the executive leadership council.

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.

Dr. Lynch was 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. In 1999, he was appointed chief of surgery at the Omaha VAMC. Dr. Lynch is also professor of surgery and chief of vascular surgery at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

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 vice-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 100 peer reviewed publications and book chapters. He is a member of the editorial board of the Journal of Vascular Surgery.

The VA Nebraska-Western Iowa Health Care System proudly serves more than 167,660 veterans in Nebraska, western Iowa and portions of Kansas and Missouri. Omaha's medical center is an inpatient facility and also a large outpatient clinic for primary and specialty care. The Community Living Center is in Grand Island. There are community-based outpatient clinics in Lincoln, Grand Island, North Platte, Holdrege, Norfolk, Bellevue and Shenandoah, Iowa. For more information, visit <http://www.nebraska.va.gov>.

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