RAYBURN LEWIS

Rayburn Lewis, M.D., is a retired health-care executive who has led organizations with strategic vision and operational efficacy. Dr. Lewis retired in 2019 from International Community Health Services, where he served as their chief medical officer since 2017. Prior to that, Dr. Lewis was the chief executive at Swedish Issaquah from 2014 to 2017. Prior to his role at Swedish Issaquah, Dr. Lewis served as executive director and vice president of medical affairs at Swedish Ballard, and as COO at Swedish Cherry Hill.

Dr. Lewis is a graduate of the University of Washington's School of Medicine, where he completed his internal medicine residency and served as chief medical resident from 1982 to 1983. Dr. Lewis joined the medical staff at Swedish Health Services and Providence Seattle Medical Center in 1984.

As the elected chief of staff at Providence Seattle Medical Center in 1995, Dr. Lewis was recruited as medical director for quality and medical affairs. Serving in this capacity from 1995 to 2002, he became Swedish's vice president for medical affairs from 2002 to 2007, after the two hospitals merged. He also served as medical director of the Mother Joseph Clinic at Swedish Cherry Hill for specialty care of community patients.

He was an active leader of area school and sports programs that encouraged young men and women of color to experience the outdoors. For 20 years he was an Urban 4H leader and volunteer at Franklin High School, and as an avid outdoor and wilderness sports enthusiast, has served on the boards of Cascade Bicycle Club and Bike Works. He can often be found in the mountains, winter and summer, with his wife of 40-plus years, Beth Upton, ARNP.

