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**Institute for Systems Medicine Names Amy Johnson as Director for  
Strategic Partnerships**

Spokane, WA – [The Institute for Systems Medicine \(ISM\)](#) has named Amy Johnson to the position of Director for Strategic Partnerships. In that role, she will support the development of the three lines of ISM business through stakeholder communication, developing relationships with legislators and government officials, and developing financial support from public and private resources. The three lines of business include: the Spokane Community Clinical Data Repository, the Spokane Bio-specimen Repository and the Evidence Based Practice tool for assisting medical researchers and health care practitioners.

“We are very pleased that Amy has joined our organization. Her extensive knowledge and experience in the areas of policy advocacy, research, analysis, and development as well as non-profit management will be great assets to us,” said Tom Paine, Chairman of the ISM board.

Prior to joining ISM, Amy was the Vice President for Public Policy and Workforce Development for Greater Spokane Incorporated. She also conducted policy analysis for PREMIER Blue Cross, the Washington State Workforce Board Health Care Personnel Shortage Task Force and the Washington State Senate Health and Long Term Care Committee. Amy has also taught graduate health policy courses at Washington State University Spokane.

Amy holds a law degree from Gonzaga University School of Law, a graduate degree in Health Policy and Administration from Washington State University Spokane, a B.A. in Philosophy from the University of Colorado and a B.A. in Government and History from California State University Sacramento.

About the Institute for Systems Medicine

The Institute for Systems Medicine is a [private non-profit medical research institute](#) currently developing biomedical research infrastructure capabilities in coordination with our region’s medical and educational institutions to conduct basic research leading to

new diagnostics and therapeutics improving patient outcomes. ISM founding partners and sponsors include: Washington State University, Gonzaga University, Providence Health Care, the United States Department of Defense, the State of Washington, Spokane County and City of Spokane, the Institute for Systems Biology, and Avista Corporation.