

## Policy Advisory Council Welcomes Three New Members



**Richard Levy, Ph.D.**, is chairman of the board of directors of Varian Medical Systems, a company adapting high technology to the treatment of cancer. He was CEO of the company from 1999 to 2006. Levy served as senior vice president of Varian from 1989 to 1992, overseeing business areas including semiconductor equipment and vacuum products. He became executive vice president of the corporation in 1992 and oversaw the medical businesses and the Ginzton Technology Center, the company's research

and development center. Prior to assuming general management and CEO duties, he oversaw sales, marketing, service, R&D, and various corporate functions, as well as managing the corporate quality program. He began his business career at the Monsanto Company, where he served as a research specialist and project manager in both basic and applied research.

Levy is vice chairman of the board of trustees of the Palo Alto Medical Foundation. He is also a board member of Sutter Health, Pharmacyclics, and chairman-elect of the board of United Way of Silicon Valley. In addition, he is the cochair of the working group advising the Center for the Evaluative Clinical Sciences at Dartmouth, a 30-year program studying the variability and overuse of medical procedures across the United States.

"The U.S. health care system is in trouble with high costs, limited access, extreme variability, and patient dissatisfaction. Despite extensive attention by many very smart people, the trends are going in the wrong direction," says Levy. "The UC Berkeley School of Public Health, with no vested financial interests in any of the constituencies involved in health care, has the challenge and the opportunity to develop creative solutions to these problems."

Levy holds a bachelor's degree from Dartmouth College and a doctorate in nuclear chemistry from the University of California at Berkeley.



**Theodore J. "Ted" Saenger** is the retired president and CEO of Pacific Bell. During his 36 years in corporate leadership, Saenger gained significant governance experience serving on and leading many corporate governing boards.

Since his retirement from Pacific Bell, Saenger has been active in civic activities. He currently serves on the Sutter Health board of directors. His other board service includes the San Francisco Symphony, United Way of the Greater Bay Area, California Economic Development Corporation, Los Angeles Philharmonic, and the YMCA.

He was a member of the board of the San Francisco Foundation from 1991 to 2001 and is the past chairman of the board of John Muir Medical Center in Walnut Creek, California. He was also a trustee for The California State University until 1997 and currently serves on the board of trustees for the University of California, Berkeley Foundation.

"The area that attracted me to the school, which is my highest interest, has to do with health care policy," says Saenger. "Most particularly I value the ability of the Berkeley community to take a step back and examine complex issues from an objective standpoint. It's very important in my opinion that the School be an objective analyst, to evaluate the pros and cons, and also present the alternatives."

Saenger holds a bachelor of science degree from the University of California, Berkeley.



For the past 30 years, **Dean Ornish, M.D.**, has directed clinical research demonstrating that comprehensive lifestyle changes may begin to reverse even

severe coronary heart disease, without drugs or surgery. He founded the non-profit Preventive Medicine Research Institute in Sausalito, California, where he serves as president and holds the Safeway Chair. He is a clinical professor of medicine at UCSF. His current research is focusing on whether comprehensive lifestyle changes may affect gene expression.

He is the author of five best-selling books, including *Dr. Dean Ornish's Program for Reversing Heart Disease*; *Eat More, Weigh Less*; and *Love & Survival*. He writes a monthly column for both Newsweek and Reader's Digest magazines.

Ornish was appointed to the White House Commission on Complementary and Alternative Medicine Policy and elected to the California Academy of Medicine. He is chair of the Google Health Advisory Council, the PepsiCo Blue Ribbon Advisory Board, and the Safeway Advisory Council on Health and Nutrition. In 2007 he received the National Public Health Award Hero Award from the UC Berkeley School of Public Health.

Ornish received his medical training in internal medicine from the Baylor College of Medicine, Harvard Medical School, and the Massachusetts General Hospital. He received a bachelor's degree in humanities *summa cum laude* from the University of Texas in Austin.