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Dr. Clayton Rich Named Dean of Med School

Dr. Clayton Rich, former associate dean for research and clinical affairs at the University of Washington School of Medicine, has been appointed Dean of the Stanford School of Medicine and Vice President for Medical Affairs.

The appointment announced by Provost and Acting President William F. Miller on behalf of President Richard W. Lyman, is effective Sept. 1.

Dr. Rich, 47, also was appointed professor of medicine. He succeeds Dr. John L. Wilson, who has served as acting dean since Dr. Robert L. Glaser resigned August 31, 1970 to become Vice President of the Commonwealth Fund in New York.

His appointment culminated a year-long search by a faculty-student committee. More than 170 candidates were considered for the deanship.

"Dr. Rich brings a great deal of enthusiasm and talent to the deanship," Provost Miller said. "Both the President and I are delighted with this fine appointment."

Dr. Wilson said, "We all are anticipating his arrival and looking forward to working with him in the interests of the Medical School."

Dr. Rich, a native of New York City, was educated at the Putney School in Vermont and Swarthmore College. He received his M.D. in 1948 from Cornell University. He served his internship and residency at the Albany Hospital and Union University, and received additional clinical training at Cornell Medical College.

Before becoming an assistant professor of medicine at the University of Washington in 1960, he was engaged in

research, teaching and patient care at Rockefeller University.

He was promoted to professor of medicine in 1967, and a year later became associate dean. He also served as chief of staff of the Veterans Administration Hospital in Seattle, which is closely associated with the Medical School there, and as medical director of the University Hospital.

In 1970, Dr. Rich was named associate dean for research and clinical affairs, his present position.

His research has been in endocrinology, specializing in diseases of the bone. His publications include more than 80 papers and abstracts.

Dr. Rich said that he believes medical schools will share with other medical agencies the major job of solving the nation's health care delivery problems.

"The whole area of delivery of health care is terribly important," he said. "It has become apparent in the past few years that the system in this country isn't working very well. We'll have to devise better ways of providing proper health care to everyone, not just a few."

"I see the primary role of medical schools in the health care scheme as that of innovation, and applying research methods to the problem."

Dr. Rich believes that, in coming years, there will be increased interaction between medicine and the other academic disciplines.

He and his wife, Scotty, have a son, 16, now attending Putney School. Mrs. Rich's father, the late Melvin G. Hodgkinson, attended Stanford as a member of the Class of 1925.



Dr. Clayton Rich
Dean, Stanford School of Medicine