

**Dr. Bill Grant Introduction, Commonwealth Club
program on Cell Phone and Wireless Risks to Children,
June 22nd**

Today, we are very pleased to host what will be the Commonwealth Club's 5th program on the subject of the biological and health effects of electromagnetic fields.

The 1st program, organized by ElectromagneticHealth.org, was in 2009, at a time when EMF wasn't even on most peoples' radar screens as a public health issue. Since then, awareness of the little-known risks of the radiation emitted by cell phones and wireless technologies has certainly greatly increased globally, as has the media coverage. And in the U.S.—especially in the Bay Area.

Joining me in welcoming today's esteemed international panel from the U.S., U.K., Turkey and Australia are 4 of the Club's Member-Led Forums: *Health & Medicine*; *Environment & Natural Resources*; *Science & Technology*; and *Business & Leadership*.

We are grateful for the efforts of ElectromagneticHealth.org and Environmental Health Trust in assuring that the latest science and its health and wellbeing implications are brought to the attention of the public. The issue is getting more and more important--as the body of science showing risk accumulates and more and more wireless pervades our

daily life. As before, today's program will be filmed and shared globally.

Today's program has a special—and very important—focus on children. It has become clear that cell phones and wireless technologies pose greater health risks to children and that overuse of technology can impact learning (and thus grades), relationships, and the ability, even, to *empathize*.

I welcome you to today's program. And now I turn the reigns over to Camilla Rees of ElectromagneticHealth.org and Campaign for Radiation Free Schools.