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The FRESH-Thinking Project objectives have been to critically and comprehensively study the issues generic to health care reform and to make the results available to a wide audience, including health care stakeholders, policymakers, researchers, and the public. In each of eight two-day workshops, 20-25 experts met to discuss a single set of issues such as funding, organization, innovation, and regulation. **Victor R. Fuchs**, the Henry J. Kaiser, Jr., Professor, Emeritus, Stanford University, in the Department of Economics and the School of Medicine's Department of Health Research and Policy, and **Ezekiel J. Emanuel**, former Chair of the Department of Clinical Bioethics at the National Institutes of Health, directed the project. They were assisted by **Alan M. Garber**, Director of Stanford's Center for Health Policy and Center for Primary Care and Outcomes Research (CHP/PCOR), **Sharon L. Levine**, Associate Executive Director of the Permanente Medical Group, **Harold S. Luft**, Director, Palo Alto Medical Foundation Research Institute, and **Steve Shortell**, Dean of the School of Public Health at UC Berkeley, and by an Advisory Board, chaired by **Kenneth Arrow**, Professor of Economics, Emeritus, Stanford University and Nobel Prize winner in Economics. A consensus statement of eight policy recommendations signed by 51 workshop participants was published in the April 7 issue of *Annals of Internal Medicine*. Workshop papers and commentaries are available at [www.fresh-thinking.org](http://www.fresh-thinking.org).

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