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**Dr. Rebecca S. Bahn Elected a Director  
on the American Thyroid Association Executive Council**

**Falls Church, VA, October 12, 2002**—The American Thyroid Association is pleased to announce the election of Rebecca S. Bahn, M.D., as a new Director. Dr. Bahn was chosen in the first competitive election in the Association's 79-year history, held during its 74th Annual Meeting in Los Angeles. Her term of office will be 2002 to 2006.

Dr. Bahn has spent her entire medical career at the Mayo Medical School, Graduate School, Clinic, and Foundation in Rochester, MN. She earned her M.D. there in 1981, followed by a residency in internal medicine and training in endocrinology. She was then a clinician-investigator research fellow and NIH research trainee in immunology and endocrinology. She joined the Mayo faculty in 1988 and is now a Professor of Medicine, Consultant in Endocrinology, and Clinician-Investigator. Dr. Bahn's research focus is eye involvement in Graves' disease. She recently completed terms on the NIH Endocrinology Study Section and as Chair of the Knoll/Abbott Thyroid Research Advisory Council.

An ATA member since 1987, Dr. Bahn has served on the Program and Nominating Committees and is a member of the Editorial Board for the journal *Thyroid*. She served on the Program Committee for the 12th International Thyroid Congress, held in Kyoto, Japan, in 2000. She will be Basic Science Program Chair for the 2003 ATA annual meeting.

The American Thyroid Association is the North American professional society for physicians and researchers specializing in diseases of the thyroid gland. The ATA promotes excellence and innovation in clinical care, research, education, and public advocacy. The web site is [www.thyroid.org](http://www.thyroid.org).

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