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**Hossein Gharib, MD, Honored with
American Thyroid Association Paul Starr Award**

Falls Church, VA, October 12, 2002—The American Thyroid Association (ATA) is pleased to announce that Hossein Gharib, MD, FACE, has received the 2002 Paul Starr Award in recognition of his outstanding contributions to clinical thyroidology. As part of the award, Dr. Gharib will give a major lecture at the 74th ATA Annual Meeting in Los Angeles. His topic is “Changing Trends in Thyroid Practice: Understanding Nodular Thyroid Disease.” The award is supported by a generous ATA member and by Monarch Pharmaceuticals.

Dr. Gharib earned his M.D. at the University of Michigan and took his internship at Philadelphia General Hospital. He went to the Mayo Clinic for residency training and three years in the Department of Endocrine Research and Endocrinology. After a visiting fellowship in obstetrics and gynecology at Columbia University, he joined the Mayo Clinic faculty. He spent 1974-79 in his native Tehran, Iran, where he served on the faculties of the University of Tehran and National University Medical Schools, directed the Reza Pahlavi Medical Center, was Associate Dean of the College of Health Sciences, and directed the Department of Internal Medicine Division II at Saadat-Abad Medical Center. In 1979, Dr. Gharib returned to the Mayo Clinic, where he is now Professor of Medicine at Mayo Medical School and Consultant in the Division of Endocrinology, Metabolism, and Nutrition at the Mayo Clinic.

Dr. Gharib has served on the ATA Education, Membership, Public Health, and Patient Education and Advocacy Committees, and he is an Editorial Board member for the ATA journal *Thyroid*. For the American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists, he has held every leadership position, currently serving as President.

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.

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