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**Peter Singer, M.D., Installed as
President of the American Thyroid Association**

Falls Church, VA, October 12, 2002—Peter A. Singer, M.D., today became the 78th President of the American Thyroid Association (ATA). Dr. Singer was installed at the ATA Annual Business Meeting during the 74th Annual Meeting, being held in his hometown of Los Angeles.

Dr. Singer attended medical school at the University of California San Francisco (UCSF), and took his internship training at the Los Angeles County-University of Southern California (LAC-USC) Medical Center. He served as a battalion physician in Vietnam, achieving the rank of Lieutenant Commander. After returning to LAC-USC for his residency, Dr. Singer completed a U.S. Public Health-supported fellowship in endocrinology at the USC School of Medicine. He served on the UCSF clinical faculty from 1974-77. In 1977, he returned to USC as a voluntary attending physician, and in 1991 joined the faculty full-time. He is now Professor of Clinical Medicine and Chief of Clinical Endocrinology.

Dr. Singer joined the ATA in 1978. He served as a member and chair of the Education and Standards of Care Committees. He is a member of the Local Arrangements Committee for the current Los Angeles annual meeting. He served on the Board of Directors from 1995-99 and was the inaugural editor of the SIGNAL newsletter from 1999-2001.

Since 1990, Dr. Singer has dedicated himself to the East Meets West Foundation, a humanitarian relief organization for the underserved of Vietnam. Since 1992, he has been President of the Board of Directors.

Dr. Singer succeeds his USC colleague Carole A. Spencer, Ph.D., F.A.C.B. as ATA 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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