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**Dr. Donald L. St. Germain 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 Donald L. St. Germain, M.D., as a new Director. Dr. St. Germain was chosen in the first competitive election in the Association's 79-year history, held during its 74th Annual Meeting in Los Angeles. His term of office will be from 2002 to 2006.

Dr. St. Germain earned his M.D. at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in 1976, and completed clinical training in internal medicine and endocrinology at University Hospitals of Cleveland. After a chief residency in internal medicine at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, he took a research fellowship in medicine and physiology. Dr. St. Germain joined the Dartmouth faculty in 1984. He is now Professor of Medicine and Physiology, and Acting Chair of the Department of Medicine. His research focuses on the molecular mechanisms in the metabolism and action of thyroid hormones, particularly their developmental effects. In addition to teaching, he heads the Dartmouth Community Medical School public education initiative and maintains a consultative clinical practice. He has served on the NIH Endocrinology Study Section and remains an ad hoc member.

Since joining the ATA in 1985, Dr. St. Germain has served as Program Chair for the 1997 annual meeting and on the Program Committee for the 12th International Thyroid Congress, held in Kyoto, Japan in 2000. He continues to serve as advisor to the Program Committee and is now a member of the Clinical Affairs Committee.

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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