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**Gregory Brent Named Secretary-Elect
of the American Thyroid Association**

Falls Church, VA, October 12, 2002—Gregory A. Brent, M.D., has been named the Secretary-Elect of the American Thyroid Association (ATA). His appointment was announced today at the ATA Annual Business Meeting, during the 74th Annual Meeting in Los Angeles. Dr. Brent will hold office from 2003-2008.

Dr. Brent attended medical school at the University of Southern California and completed his residency and a chief residency at Wadsworth VA Medical Center, UCLA. He went to Harvard for fellowships in medicine, endocrinology, and molecular biology, and spent seven years on the Harvard faculty. In 1995, he returned to the UCLA School of Medicine and became Assistant Chief of Endocrinology at the West Los Angeles VA Medical Center. Now a Professor of Medicine and Physiology at UCLA, he is Chief of the Endocrinology and Diabetes Section of the VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System and Director of its Fellowship Program in Endocrinology, Metabolism, and Diabetes.

Since he joined the ATA in 1988, Dr. Brent has served on the Program and Patient Education Committees and has chaired the Membership Committee. He has been an ATA Director since 2000. He co-chaired the Program Committee and chaired the Local Arrangements Committee for the current Los Angeles Annual Meeting. He has been an Associate Editor of the journal *Thyroid* and he remains on the Editorial Board. He has received the ATA Van Meter Award in recognition of his outstanding contributions to thyroid research. He recently completed a term on the National Institutes of Health Endocrinology Study Section, and chaired a Special Endocrinology Study Section.

Dr. Brent's major research interests are the molecular mechanisms of thyroid hormone action, regulation of gene expression by thyroid hormone, gene regulation in hormone-dependent cancers, the influence of thyroid hormone on development, and thyroid disease in pregnancy.

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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