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Dr. Clark T. Sawin Is President-Elect of the American Thyroid Association

Falls Church, VA, October 12, 2002—The American Thyroid Association is pleased to announce the election of Clark T. Sawin, MD, as President-Elect. Dr. Sawin was chosen in the first competitive election in the Association's 79-year history, held during its 74th Annual Meeting in Los Angeles. He will serve as ATA President in 2003-2004.

Dr. Sawin graduated from Tufts Medical School in 1958 and took his internship at the University of Illinois Research and Educational Hospitals in Chicago. After serving in the U.S. Army Medical Corps in Korea and Massachusetts, he took residencies in medicine at New England Medical Center Hospitals and the Boston VA Hospital, simultaneous with a USPHS Postdoctoral Research Fellowship in endocrinology at New England Medical Center Hospitals. Dr. Sawin was Chief of the Endocrine-Diabetes Section at the Boston VA Medical Center from 1966-98. He joined the Tufts faculty in 1966 and has been Professor of Medicine at both Tufts and Boston University Schools of Medicine. In 1998, Dr. Sawin moved to Washington, DC, where he is now the Medical Inspector for the Veterans Administration's health care system, responsible for monitoring quality of care. His research interests are the history of thyroid disease and the long-term epidemiology of thyroid disease in the Framingham study.

An ATA member since 1972, Dr. Sawin has served on and chaired the Education Committee. For the past 14 years, he has chaired the History and Archives Committee, and, for the past 10, he has lectured on thyroid history at ATA annual meetings.

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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