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**Martin Surks, M.D., Honored with  
American Thyroid Association Distinguished Service Award**

**Falls Church, VA, October 12, 2002**—The American Thyroid Association is pleased to announce that Martin I. Surks, M.D., has received its 2002 Distinguished Service Award, honoring his important and continuing contributions to the Association. The Award will be presented tonight during the Association's 74th Annual Meeting in Los Angeles.

A devoted New Yorker, Dr. Surks graduated from Columbia College and New York University-Bellevue College of Medicine. He completed his medical residency training at Montefiore Hospital and the Bronx Veterans Administration Hospital. He took research fellowships at Montefiore, supported by the National Institute of Arthritis and Metabolic Diseases. Dr. Surks has remained at Montefiore for his entire career. He co-directed their Endocrine Research Laboratory for nine years, and for the next 21 years headed the Division of Endocrinology and Metabolism. At Albert Einstein College of Medicine, he is a Professor of Medicine and Pathology, and Program Director for the Division of Endocrinology. He continues as an attending physician and consultant at Montefiore and North Central Bronx Hospital. His contributions to research, education, and teaching have been recognized by the awarding of a Mastership by the American College of Physicians.

Dr. Surks' American Thyroid Association career has been just as illustrious. A member since 1969, he received the Van Meter Award in 1973 for his youthful contributions to thyroid research. Among his many roles since then have been chairmanships of the Membership, Awards, and Nominating Committees; Director (1982-83, 1986-90); Secretary (1993-98); and President (2000). He now chairs the Publications Committee, serves on the Editorial Board for the Association's journal *Thyroid*, and is on the Program Organizing Committee for the 2005 13th International Thyroid Congress.

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](http://www.thyroid.org).

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