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Andrew J. Bauer, MD, FAAP, is a pediatric endocrinologist and the director of the Thyroid Center at The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Dr. Bauer retired from the United States Army after 29 years of service, to include two combat tours in Iraq. His clinical and research interests are focused on the study of pediatric thyroid disorders, including hyperthyroidism, hypothyroidism, thyroid nodular disease, thyroid cancer, and familial thyroid tumor syndromes. Dr. Bauer serves as co-chair of the American Thyroid Association's (ATA) Pediatric Thyroid Cancer Guidelines and as a member of the ATA's board of directors. In 2018, Dr. Bauer served on the World Health Organization, International Agency for Research on Cancer expert group that published guidelines on thyroid screening after nuclear disasters. He has spoken at many ThyCa events. Dr. Bauer is a ThyCa medical advisor.



Toni Beninato, MD, MS, FACS, an endocrine surgeon at Rutgers Cancer Institute of New Jersey in New Brunswick, New Jersey. Dr. Beninato is also an assistant professor of surgery at Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School. She earned her medical degree from Rutgers New Jersey Medical School where she was elected to the Alpha Omega Alpha Honors Society and completed her internship and residency at New York Presbyterian - Weill Cornell Medical Center. Dr. Beninato's research focus is on healthcare disparities and access to care in patients with endocrine malignancies, with a special interest in studying the behavior of rare subtypes of endocrine cancers.



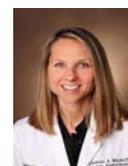
Victor Bernet, MD, is an endocrinologist and chair of the Division of Endocrinology at the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville, Florida. He is also an associate professor in the Mayo Clinic College of Medicine. He has a special interest in thyroid disorders, thyroid nodules, ultrasound and biopsy, thyroid cancer, pituitary tumors, and endocrine tumors. Dr. Bernet received his medical degree from the University of Virginia School of Medicine. He completed his internship and residency in internal medicine from Tripler Army Medical Center, United States Army followed by a fellowship in endocrinology from Walter Reed Army Medical Center, United States Army. Currently Dr. Bernet is an active member of the Endocrinology Specialty Council, Mayo Clinic Specialty Council, Mayo Clinic Clinical Practice Committee; member of Mayo Clinic Florida Department and Division Chairs; and coordinator of Thyroid Tumor Board MCF, Mayo Clinic Florida Committees. Dr. Bernet is the president of the ATA.



Antonio Bianco, MD, PhD, is an endocrinologist at the University of Chicago Department of Medicine in Chicago, Illinois. Dr. Bianco received his MD from Santa Casa Medical School and a PhD in human physiology at the University of Sao Paulo, Brazil. In 1998, he was recruited to the Brigham and Women's Hospital as a physician scientist and associate professor of medicine, where he later became chief of the thyroid section. In 2008, he went on to become chief of the Division of Endocrinology at the University of Miami. Dr. Bianco's work focuses on iodothyronine deiodinases, which play a key role in thyroid hormone metabolism and action. Over 35 years, his continued work on these enzymes has increased understanding of their molecular and cellular biology and provided mechanistic insight into the variable responses to hormone replacement therapy. He joined the American Thyroid Association in 1987 and since then has served on seven committees, as a member of the board of directors, and as president in 2015-2016.



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Cece Donoghue, ThyCa Volunteer.

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Karen Geisenberger, ThyCa Volunteer.

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