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Anne L. Thurn, Ph.D. joined the NIH Office of Dietary Supplements (ODS) in 2002 as the director of the Office's newly established Evidence-Based Review Program. As director, Dr. Thurn leads ODS efforts to prioritize topics for evidence-based reviews with NIH Institutes and Centers and oversees ODS-sponsored evidence reviews performed by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality's (AHRQ) Evidence-Based Practice Center Program. She organizes the development of ODS research agendas through collaborations with NIH Institutes and Centers. In addition, Dr. Thurn coordinates ODS participation with the NIH Office of Medical Applications Research to sponsor State-of-the-Science conferences.

Dr. Thurn also directs ODS communications activities related to the development and dissemination of science-based information about dietary supplements. The goals of the ODS communications program are to promote the public's understanding of the role of nutrition and dietary supplements in maintaining health. Dr. Thurn oversees outreach materials and activities, including the ODS Web site, that are designed to inform and educate the public, health care providers, and scientists about the benefits and risks of dietary supplements.

Prior to joining ODS, Dr. Thurn worked for the National Cancer Institute (NCI) since 1992, serving in several key positions including Director of the Cancer Information Products and Systems, and Chief of the International Cancer Research Databank Branch (ICRDB). Dr. Thurn received her Ph.D. from the department of Anatomy and Cell Biology at Columbia University in New York, and for three years was a postdoctoral fellow at Georgetown University in Washington, DC.