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Dr. Kathryn A. Taubert is Vice President of International Science and Health Strategies for the American Heart Association. She is a permanent resident of Switzerland and is based in Basel. She is also Professor at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School. Prior to joining the AHA International Science Department, Dr. Taubert was the Chief Science Officer for the World Heart Federation in Geneva, Switzerland. Within AHA, she is responsible for advancing the AHA’s mission on a global scale by forming collaborations and establishing relationships and partnerships with international organizations such as the World Health Organization (WHO) and the United Nations as well as with international cardiovascular associations/ societies/ foundations to broaden the AHA’s support and impact on global health. This includes the international aspects of programs such as:

- Get With The Guidelines®, a hospital based quality improvement program;
- Saving Children’s Lives, a pediatric emergency care training and systems-change program designed for resource-limited settings to help reduce under 5 child mortality;
- Go Red for Women, a program designed to raise awareness that CV disease is the number one killer of women and to educate women on the risks, prevention and treatment of CVD;
- Collaboration with the Chinese Ministry of Science and Technology on science and research.

Throughout her career, she has spoken globally as an expert on infective endocarditis, Kawasaki disease, rheumatic fever, heart disease in women and in children, and primary and secondary prevention of atherosclerotic vascular disease. She has published over 150 scientific papers and medical textbook chapters. Her research has been funded by the US National Institutes of Health and the American Heart Association.