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Biosketch for Kenneth M. Grundfast, M.D., FACS. FAAP

I was born in Brooklyn New York in 1944 and attended the public schools there. After graduating from Erasmus Hall High School along with the other 1,800 students in my class, I went on to college at the Johns Hopkins University followed by medical school at the State University of New York in Syracuse. Otolaryngology residency was at the Boston University and affiliated hospitals residency program and a fellowship in pediatric otolaryngology was done at the Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh. During the fellowship year 1977-78, I first became a member of SENTAC. Since 1980, I have been chairman of the Department of Otolaryngology at the Children's National Medical Center in Washington D.C. The academic year 1989-90 was spent on sabbatical at the National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders. I served as a member of the Board of Directors of SENTAC for several years and then as president 1989-90. I have enjoyed participating in SENTAC because of the congeniality of the members and the multidisciplinary composition of the membership. I have especially enjoyed the scientific meetings and the discussion of the papers presented. When SENTAC was originally established, pediatric otolaryngology was a relatively new specialty and there was no forum for pediatric otolaryngologists to meet together with pediatricians, speech-language pathologists, and audiologists. Now, the American Society of Pediatric Otolaryngology represents a forum for scientific presentations by pediatric otolaryngologists, and the Section on Otolaryngology and Bronchoesophagology of the American Academy of Pediatrics provides a mechanism for pediatric otolaryngologists to play a role in the continuing education of pediatricians but SENTAC remains the only society that provides a forum for learning and discussion among pediatricians, otolaryngologists and a varied group of specialists in the communication sciences. In this modern world of increasing competitiveness, I cherish the atmosphere of SENTAC meetings: - the free exchange of ideas among colleagues earnestly devoted to the care of children.