



**Charles F. Koopmann, Jr, M.D.**



Charles F. Koopmann, Jr. was born August 14, 1945 in Southern Illinois. Accepted into one of the early Honors Program in Medical Education classes at Northwestern University, he received his M.D. degree in 1969. After an internship at the University of Iowa and one year of General Surgery at Indiana University, Dr. Koopmann completed his Otolaryngology residency at the University of Iowa in 1975. During this time, he also earned a Masters of Science Degree based on his experimental work in reduction of maxillofacial growth deformities in simulated cleft palate surgery (canine model).

From 1975-77, Dr. Koopmann served as a Major in the United States Air Force at Langley Air Force Base, Virginia. Joining the faculty at the University of Arizona Health Sciences Center in July, 1997, he and Dr. Stanley Coulthard founded a training program in Otolaryngology. While in Arizona, Dr. Koopmann was active in the American Cleft Palate Association, the AAO-HNS, American Academy of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, and SENTAC.

In 1986, Dr. Koopmann became Associate Professor and Director of Pediatric Otolaryngology at the University of Michigan. Since 1986, he has been promoted to Professor of Otolaryngology and has worked to expand the Pediatric Otolaryngology program to two (and soon to be three) full-time positions. Other professional highlights at Michigan include participation in the Harvard RBRVS study, selection as the Socioeconomic Coordinator for the AAO-HNS, and

election both to the Board of Directors and also as President-Elect (1992-93) of SENTAC.

On the recreational side, his hobbies include tennis, hunting, reading, and coaching boys' baseball.

Dr. Koopmann and his wife, Linda, were married in 1968. They have three children, Sarah (17), Matthew (14), and Emily (12).

SENTAC has played a special role in my professional career since 1981. This organization represents a small, collegial, interdisciplinary group of professionals dedicated to the well-being of children with disorders of the ear, nose, and throat. The annual meeting offers the members an opportunity to participate personally in a friendly educational forum where ideas are exchanged in a very personal way. SENTAC has become one of my "must attend" meetings for both knowledge and fellowship. I would hope that the future growth of the organization would include an increase in participation from our Pediatric, Radiologic, and Neuroscience colleagues, while at the same time maintaining continued support from otolaryngologists, audiologists, and speech pathologists. By broadening the variety of our membership, SENTAC will maintain its intellectual vigor.