

### **Ms. Melanie Gevitz**

Ms. Melanie Gevitz began her career at Children's Memorial Hospital in Chicago in 1974. She is currently the Senior Medical Editor in the Division of Cardiovascular-Thoracic Surgery and is intimately involved in the Society of Thoracic Surgeons' Congenital Heart Surgery Database, a worldwide database utilized by more than 4,800 members worldwide, which she assisted with development and implementation of. Ms. Gevitz has co-authored two papers for the Congenital Heart Surgery Database and has worked as copy editor for two editions of the textbook, *Pediatric Cardiac Surgery*, two volumes of the *Seminars in Cardiovascular-Thoracic Surgery* *Pediatric Surgery Annual* (2002, 2003), and several hundred articles and presentations.

Ms. Gevitz received her B.A. in Psychology with a concentration in testing and measurement from Brooklyn College of the City University of New York. She spends her leisure time reading, gardening when the Chicago weather permits, and visiting friends and family on the East Coast. She is the proud parent of Kathryn Ann Gevitz (19 yrs), a sophomore at the University of Pennsylvania majoring in biology, who at the moment plans a career in medicine after graduation.