

HUNTINGTON MEDICAL FOUNDATION



Kathleen A. Smith, M.D.

SPECIALTY

Board certified in Pediatrics

JOINED HMF

1993

EDUCATION/TRAINING

Fellowship in Neonatology
Childrens Hospital Los Angeles

Internship & Residency
Childrens Hospital Los Angeles

M.D., School of Medicine
University of Minnesota

B.S., Zoology
University of Minnesota

SUMMARY OF EXPERIENCE

Dr. Smith has practiced at Descanso Pediatrics since 1983. The practice joined HMF in 1993. In addition to treating patients, she teaches a course for second-year medical students at USC.

Prior to that, she was the resident supervisor at Childrens Hospital Los Angeles and a neonatologist at Glendale Adventist Medical Center.

MEMBERSHIPS

- Fellow, American Academy of Pediatrics
- American Medical Association
- American Medical Women's Association
- Los Angeles Pediatric Society

ON A PERSONAL NOTE

The oldest of seven, Dr. Smith started caring for children at an early age. She decided to become a doctor after her sister contracted polio during the epidemic in the 1950s.

She worked her way through college at a variety of part-time jobs, including a research project on bladder permeability. "I had to go out and collect frogs from ponds," she says.

She married and had two children before her husband passed away. Today, her daughter is a pediatric nurse and her son is a professional musician.

An active volunteer, Dr. Smith has been a Boy Scout leader, a chaperone for the high school band's trips to Europe, and a president of the Cañada Auxiliary of Professionals (CAP). In addition, she participates in Healing Hearts Across Borders to provide medical care to the poorest residents of Tijuana.

Dr. Smith is an avid gardener who replaced her front lawn with vegetables and native plants. (She's raising chickens, too.) She's working on a program to establish gardens at urban schools.

She enjoys camping and hiking, and plans to visit all the national parks in the U.S. before her seventieth birthday.