

MEET YOUR *Obstetrician/Gynecologist...*



MICHAEL A. SMITH, MD

CHALLENGES I FACED TO BECOME A MEDICAL PROVIDER

"I was the youngest of three children born to blue-collar parents in Indiana. By the time I was 18 years old, my parents were both older and retired with no money to send me to college. I decided that to obtain my goals, I would join the military. After six weeks of basic training and six weeks of technical school as a nursing assistant, the Air Force sent me to Anchorage, Alaska. I will never forget the day that I walked into the education office at the Air Force base in Alaska at age 18 with no money and told them that I wanted to become a doctor."

RESIDENCY: Wright State University School of Medicine, Dayton, OH, Obstetrics and Gynecology

MD: Indiana University School of Medicine, Indianapolis

CERTIFICATION: Board Certified by the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS: American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology

DEPARTMENT OF OBSTETRICS AND GYNECOLOGY

In the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Dr. Smith offers care and advice for women from puberty through adulthood. In addition, he provides physical examinations, breast examinations, and pap smears and helps patients with family planning decisions, birth options, and care during pregnancy, childbirth, and menopause.

HOSPITAL AFFILIATION: Carle Foundation Hospital and Provena Covenant Medical Center

Dr. Smith enjoys teaching, reading, playing on the computer, and riding his motorcycle. He likes spending time with his kids and his wife of 30 years.

Dr. Smith is very much involved in the community. He sits on the Youth for Christ board. He is an active member of the drama ministry at his church and participates in many activities there including small group worship.

He is also the current president of the medical staff at Provena Covenant Medical Center.

"I want my patients to feel like they have just met with one of their friends after an appointment with me. Things are comfortable and honest, helpful and friendly. I want them to think, 'I have a friend here who knows some things and can help me.' I also feel that being comfortable and relaxed in the patient setting is extremely important to a successful outcome. Flowered shirts are my thing. You will probably never see me in a tie."

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