Whether working in the rural areas of Ohio or in the bush country of sub-Saharan Africa, Smith says she has encountered many of the same medical problems, but in different settings.

“I went to medical school to be an obstetrician,” she noted. “I think it’s important to expose residents who finish her program to enter community psychiatry with pediatrics. "Mary Kay has a great deal of energy and has been quite successful at getting residents who finish her program to enter public psychiatry," Sven Sold said.

Smith is also a member of the Psychiatry News editorial board.

**Fighting the AIDS Pandemic**

Smith, through her work as a director of psychiatric services at a local United Methodist church in Toledo, Ohio, has been involved in a variety of public health efforts, including setting up a mobile clinic in Tanzania. She has also been involved in teaching about HIV/AIDS and its prevention in sub-Saharan Africa at a number of conferences each year so that men and women can be made to understand their illnesses and restoring the life force.