

# Arthritis Walk



**Arthritis Walk Medical Honoree  
Dr. Michael Smith  
Kansas City, MO**

Each year the Kansas City Arthritis Walk recognizes an individual who has demonstrated a fervent passion for his or her work in the battle against arthritis. This year's recipient of the Medical Honoree Award is an excellent example of someone who has devoted his career to the advancement of exemplary health care, and who has specifically directed his efforts in the battle against arthritis.

Dr. Michael Smith is this year's recipient. He is a board certified Rheumatologist who has a practice here in the Kansas City area. He has offices in both the Kansas City Plaza and Lee's Summit which allows him to serve patients throughout the Metro area. His job duties are not only patient care, but also helping to advance the education of medical students and resident physicians at the University of Missouri Kansas City, where he is a faculty member. Throughout his career he has come face to face with the challenges experienced by so many arthritis sufferers. Dr. Smith is a member of the American Medical Association, the American College of Rheumatology and the Gold Humanism Honor Society. He shares his life with his wife and three daughters and is very much a "family man." When he can slip away from his many responsibilities he enjoys running.

There are many facets of his life that are noteworthy and admirable, but perhaps among the greatest is his conviction to help treat and eradicate the plaguing disease of arthritis. Again, it is with great pleasure and honor we welcome Dr. Michael Smith to our list of Medical Honorees!

**About the Arthritis Foundation**

The Arthritis Foundation ([www.arthritis.org](http://www.arthritis.org)) is committed to raising awareness and reducing the unacceptable impact of arthritis, which strikes one in every five adults and 300,000 children, and is the nation's leading cause of disability. To conquer this painful, debilitating disease, we support education, research, advocacy and other vital programs and services.