

## Women In Medicine Month



**Susan Smith, MD**

Dr. Susan Smith is a board-certified anesthesiologist and assistant professor at Emory University School of Medicine. She serves as the residency program director for Emory's anesthesiology residency program and as the director of the liver transplant anesthesia fellowship program at Emory University Hospital. Dr. Smith completed her medical school and anesthesiology residency at the University of Pennsylvania and has clinical expertise in anesthesia for complex surgical procedures, including liver transplants.

**What inspired you to remain in an academic setting and take on leadership roles such as residency program director and liver transplant anesthesia fellowship director?**

"I always felt that I would be more satisfied in an academic setting. Being placed in leadership roles in education has been deeply satisfying, and I feel privileged to have this opportunity."

**How has being a member of the Georgia Society of Anesthesiologists contributed to your professional development?**

"As Co-Director of the Education Committee, I've had the chance to network with colleagues statewide and help create opportunities for medical students. Over the past five years, anesthesiology has become a highly competitive specialty, and through the GSA we've been able to support students preparing for the Match. It's been rewarding to contribute to something so impactful in such a short period of time. Thank you to the GSA for supporting our endeavors!"

**What current issues or challenges in anesthesiology in Georgia do you think deserve more attention?**

"The legislation surrounding the anesthesia care team remains a major focus in our state. I'm grateful for the GSA's ongoing advocacy to protect both anesthesia teams and patients, as well as for the education and opportunities it provides trainees to learn and participate in this crucial issue!"

**Outside of your professional life, what activities or interests help you recharge?**

"That one is easy! My family and my dog Lucy. My recharge happens daily and includes walking with Lucy and cooking for my family. I also sometimes get in an episode of Top Chef!"