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Michelle Smith-Jefferies, MD, MPH, serves as the Medical Director at Federal Occupational Health, a component of the Program Support Center (PSC) within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. She has over 25 years of extensive internal and occupational medicine experience and a history of establishing comprehensive health and safety programs.

For 13 years, Dr. Smith-Jefferies served as the Medical Director at the Police and Fire Clinic (PFC), an occupational medical clinic in Washington, D.C. There, she oversaw a wide variety of occupational medicine services that were provided to the Metropolitan Police Department, D.C. Fire and Emergency Medical Services, United States Park Police, and the uniformed division of the United States Secret Service.

In addition to treating patients during her tenure at PFC, Dr. Smith-Jefferies developed and directed a comprehensive occupational medicine program for public safety members, implemented a wellness program, managed medical staff by providing urgent and primary care for work-related illnesses and injuries, made duty status determinations for non-work related illness and injuries, performed pre-employment and medical surveillance evaluations, and managed behavioral health, laboratory, and radiology services.

Prior to that, Dr. Smith-Jefferies served as the Medical Director for the District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority, where she was responsible for the occupational medicine needs of the workers who process the District's water and sewage. She established pre-employment and Occupational Safety and Health Administration mandated surveillance examinations, including post-asbestos exposure, hearing conservation, respirator use, and hazardous material exposure surveillance exams.

Dr. Smith-Jefferies earned her bachelor's degree in biochemistry from Harvard University, a doctorate in medicine from Yale, and a master's degree in public health from Johns Hopkins University. She performed her internship in internal medicine at the Medical College of Virginia, received her residency training at Tufts University, and completed a fellowship in occupational medicine at Johns Hopkins University.

She is licensed to practice medicine in the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia and is board certified in internal medicine and occupational medicine. She has been a certified medical review officer since 1995 and is a fellow of the American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine.

