



## **RIGHT ANGLE SPEAKER BIO**

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### **Dr. Ira Smith**

- Graduated Jefferson Medical College 1978
- Internal Medicine Residency at Allegheny General Hospital in Pittsburgh
- Board Certified in Internal Medicine, and also Hospice and Palliative Medicine
- Spent 20 years as a pulmonary and critical care physician before switching to hospice in 2011
- Joined Vitas in Philadelphia January 2017
- Medical director of the Vitas Inpatient Unit at Mercy Fitzgerald Hospital
- Medical director of palliative care for the Mercy health system
- Outside interests – reading, music, cycling/spin, films, Twin Peaks