Dr. Smidt is a gifted dermatologist who deals with life-threatening illnesses. But she also likes to have fun and loves turning a scary experience into a fun one when it comes to her little patients.

Dr. Smidt’s nurse, Julie Sanchez RN says:  

I have felt fortunate to work alongside Dr. Aimee Smidt in the Dermatology Clinic at the University of New Mexico. Dr. Smidt treats anything you can possibly think of related to the skin, hair, or nails and she clearly knows what she does. Though it might be scary to a child to have a wart “frozen off”, she makes it fun. Yes, fun! A cryofoam cap filled with Liquid Nitrogen and a Q-tip is all she requires. Dr. Smidt applies the very cold substance to freeze the wart. Here comes the fun! Dr. Smidt transforms a Dermatologist into a sixth-grade science teacher or the magician that blows your mind in Vegas. Liquid nitrogen is extremely cold, but it heats up rapidly in room temperature. The joy you observe is it quickly changing from liquid to gas. The “Magic” occurs when she pours the remainder of the liquid on the floor after a treatment. I submit, sometimes I pores a little extra, for her premier ‘magic trick’ and to see little faces that are watching for the first time.

It is not always fun and games we treat very complex and challenging situations every day. We also run a specialized Vascular Anomalies Clinic. It’s Dr. Smidt’s passion and it has become mine. Sometimes Head vessels do weird things that I never knew existed until I became her nurse. This team of providers educates families and provides treatment to improve quality of life for children and adults, many of whom have been diagnosed or treated improperly in the past.

Dr. Smidt oversees the Department and the training program of residents and is shaping the future of skin protectors in New Mexico. She is our leader and will always be one of the best doctors I have worked alongside in my 15-year nursing career.