

Bio of John William Schonwald, MD
Ann Schonwald Langley
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Dr. John W. Schonwald was born 5/16/1914. He was a fifth generation physician and specialized in Pediatrics.

Dr. Schonwald graduated from the College of Medicine, University of Ohio, Cincinnati in 1940; interned at Christ Hospital, Cincinnati and served his Residency at University Hospital, Ann Arbor, Michigan. He was an instructor in Pediatrics and Communicable Diseases on the teaching staff of the University of Michigan Medical School.

In October 1943, he was inducted into the armed services as a Naval Officer and, with his wife, Janet Elliott Schonwald, moved to Oakland, California where he was based before shipping out to serve as a surgeon in the Pacific. He volunteered for landing parties on a number of invasions, served on the beaches during the battle of Iwo Jima and was decorated for valor at Peleliu.

At the conclusion of the war, he settled first in Oakland, California and then in Eureka, California where he joined the Eureka Clinic. In 1950, he opened his private practice at 2828 E Street. For many years he worked with the schools providing free physicals for student athletes and medical care on the bench for local football teams.

He closed his private practice in Eureka in October, 1975 and moved to Bloomington, Indiana where he continued to provide pediatric care in a clinic setting there until his retirement. He passed away in Modesto, CA on 11 June 1984 at the age of 70. Dr. and Mrs. Schonwald have five children; Mary S. Kinnaman, John Schonwald, Ann S. Langley, Barbara S. Baker and Elizabeth S. Jannasch.