

## **Biography of Bernard Schneider MD: Reconnecting Health and Humanity**

In summary of Dr. Bernard Schneider's 50 year career and achievements: one can never fully capture the accomplishment of his having served his fellow citizens with his heart and his hands for fully half-a-century. The long hours worked, the forgone pursuits and pleasures to attend to the needs of others, the meticulous attention given patients' diagnoses and treatment, the listening and consoling done in times of anxiety or loss – these are achievements that cannot be measured in scientific terms.

After completing his medical school training at Tulane University, Dr. [Bernard Schneider](#) did his internship at DC General in Washington DC and worked for the Pure Food And Drug Administration. Dr. Schneider then did his residency training in ophthalmology at the University of Pennsylvania. A few years into his professional practice, he would be named Chief of Ophthalmology at both Methodist Hospital and Saint Agnes Hospitals, two of Philadelphia's most important health care institutions. Eventually, he would twice be elected as President of Methodist Hospital's Medical Staff, and would also serve several terms on Methodist Hospital's Board of Trustees.

In recognition of his extraordinary contributions to the history of this important regional health care institution, Dr. Schneider was awarded the Methodist Hospital's most prestigious form of recognition: The Norris Award, and he also was soon after provided a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Pennsylvania Medical Society in recognition of his lifetime of service to the well being of others. To this day, [Bernard Schneider](#) has held teaching appointments at each of the major medical education institutions in the region, including: the University of Pennsylvania Medical School and Hospital, the Jefferson Medical School, the Medical School of Pennsylvania, the Hahnemann Medical School, and the Dreyer School of Medicine.

True to Dr. Bernard Schneider's unwavering dedication to helping others fulfill their life dreams and human potential, he and his beloved wife of 57 years, [Marjorie Schneider](#) – joined also by their daughter [Susan Schneider](#), M.D. – were among the first throwing their support behind and agreeing to participate in the American Academy of Ophthalmology's first community development project: Eyebuild in New Orleans, designed to assist in the recovery of the region following the devastating impact of Hurricane Katrina. The Schneiders then followed this by also participating in the "Planet for Humanity" development to help rebuild New Orleans.

Dr. Bernard Schneider stated in published interviews, at the time: "This is a fine thing for The Academy to do for the community and a great opportunity for its members. I went to Tulane University, and Susan was born in New Orleans, so we both felt it was the right thing to do. This was a great idea and I encourage The Academy to continue this effort."

Schneider concluded: "It is an opportunity to RECONNECT with old friends and RECONNECT with a community that served our needs and can now see a return on its efforts."

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