

Dr. John E. Schowalter

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Dr. John Schowalter is an internationally acclaimed psychiatrist whose body of work seeks to develop and nurture our most valued human resource, children. During his career, Dr. Schowalter focused on young minds: how they understand and face the challenges of life and death and how caregivers, including family, friends and other doctors, can be sensitive to these matters in the education and healing of children. In 1983, Dr. Schowalter edited the definitive work on children suffering from life threatening illnesses titled The Child and Death. Hardly a pleasant matter to discuss, it can be said that Dr. Schowalter's efforts have brought comfort and understanding to countless families who need it most. With undergraduate and medical degrees from the University of Wisconsin at Madison, Dr. Schowalter went on to a distinguished career at the Yale School of Medicine. Among other honors, he was president of five national psychiatry organizations, and was the A. J. Solnit Professor of Pediatrics, Psychiatry, and Child Psychiatry at the Yale Child Study Center. He is listed in the 2005 edition of Who's Who in the World. Dr. Schowalter was honored to receive the McGavin Award for Distinguished Career Achievements in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry in 2006.

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