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Schrandt's passion for patient engagement began with her own experience, having been diagnosed with polyarticular juvenile idiopathic arthritis as a teenager, several years before the first biologics were available. She has undergone multiple joint replacement and other orthopedic surgeries and has logged over thirty years of first-hand experience with the healthcare system. Since shortly after her diagnosis, she has been involved in patient-led clinical training aimed at increasing early diagnosis and appropriate, patient-centered management of illness and disease, both as a patient instructor herself and now training and supporting other patients to use their lived experience as an invaluable teaching tool.

Schrandt is one of nine voting members on the FDA's Patient Engagement Advisory Committee and serves on the NIH' National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases Advisory Committee, the Geneva Foundation's Scientific Advisory Board, and the Innovation and Value Initiative's Board of Directors. She served as the inaugural Chairperson for the International Society of Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research (ISPOR) Global Patient Council from 2018 – 2021, as chairperson for ISPOR's North American Patient Representative Roundtable from 2016 – 2018, and as co-chair of the Patients as Partners conference from 2016 -- 2018. She has been an invited speaker at numerous national and international conferences. Schrandt received her law degree from the University of Kansas School of Law and has co-authored multiple peer-reviewed articles on the value and importance of patient engagement.