



**Suzanne Schrandt, JD**

Suzanne Schrandt, JD, is the Director of Patient Engagement at the Arthritis Foundation. In this role, she develops and leads the Foundation's Patient Engagement strategy, working to infuse the wisdom and lived experience of patients into clinical research, drug and device development, and many other activities within the healthcare system. Previously Schrandt served for nearly four years as the Deputy Directory of Patient Engagement for the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI). While at PCORI, she helped to create and implement several key patient engagement initiatives including the Engagement Rubric, the concept of Engagement Officers, and the Pipeline to Proposal awards program.

Schrandt's passion for patient engagement began with her own diagnosis of Polyarticular Juvenile Rheumatoid Arthritis 28 years ago as a teenager, several years before the first biologics were available. From the time of her diagnosis, she has advocated on behalf of children and adults with arthritis and has been engaged in numerous patient and provider education initiatives aimed at increasing early diagnosis and appropriate, patient-centered management of chronic disease.

Schrandt's prior roles include serving as the Health Reform Strategy Team Leader for the Kansas Health Institute, Coordinator of Public Health and Public Policy for the Arthritis Foundation in Kansas City, and Research Associate for a Human Genome Research Institute ELSI project at the Beach Center on Disability. She is one of nine voting members of the FDA's inaugural Patient Engagement Advisory Committee, the Chairperson for the International Society of Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research Patient Roundtable, and a member of Public Responsibility in Medicine and Research.