



Muriel Moe Schornack, OD, FAAO

Dr. Muriel Schornack received her Bachelor of Arts degree in organ performance from Jamestown College in 1984, followed by a Master of Music degree in piano pedagogy from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 1987. She worked as an arts administrator and piano instructor for several years before beginning to pursue her optometry degree in 1994. She attended the Illinois College of Optometry, and received the valedictory award upon her graduation in 1998. She then completed a residency in primary eye care at the Illinois Eye Institute.

Dr. Schornack joined the ophthalmology department at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota upon completing her residency in 1998. She now serves as a consultant in that department and holds the rank of Associate Professor in the Mayo Clinic College of Medicine. She was instrumental in the development of Mayo's community eye care clinic, and served as the medical director of that clinic from its inception in 2004 until 2012. She was also responsible for the development of Mayo Clinic's scleral lens program in 2006. Since the inception of Mayo's scleral lens clinic, Dr. Schornack has lectured, presented, and published extensively on the topic of scleral lenses.

Dr. Schornack is currently a member of the Editorial Board of Eye and Contact Lens, and regularly reviews manuscripts for a number of optometric and ophthalmologic journals. She joined the American Academy of Optometry's Merton Flom Leadership InSight committee in 2012 and has led the task force charged with the program's redesign during the past 2 years. She is a founding member of the Scleral Lens Education Society and received the organization's award as Scleral Lens Practitioner of the Year in 2022. She was also a founding member of the SCOPE study team, and is still actively involved in the group's research activities.