

Mayo Clinic Medical Edge

Scleral Lenses

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Intro with music	GIVING YOU THE EDGE ON HEALTHY LIVING, HERE'S MAYO CLINIC MEDICAL EDGE.
	SOMETIMES, WHAT'S OLD BECOMES NEW AGAIN. IT HAPPENS IN MUSIC, FASHION, EVEN EYE CARE.
Muriel Schornack, O.D. Track 1 (:35)	"SCLERAL CONTACT LENSES WERE ORIGINALLY DESCRIBED IN THE LATE 1800'S. THEY WERE MADE OUT OF BLOWN GLASS WHICH IS 100-PERCENT IMPERMEABLE TO OXYGEN SO THEY NEVER REALLY TOOK OFF."
	UNLIKE CONVENTIONAL LENSES THAT REST ON THE CORNEA, MAYO CLINIC OPTOMETRIST DR. MURIEL SCHORNACK SAYS

	<p>SCLERAL LENSES SIT ON THE WHITES OF THE EYE. NOW THAT GAS PERMEABLE MATERIALS ARE AVAILABLE, SCLERAL LENSES ARE MAKING A COMEBACK. THEY'RE NOT FOR EVERYONE...</p>
<p>Dr. Schornack Track 1</p>	<p>"BUT FOR PEOPLE WITH SEVERE OCULAR SURFACE DISEASE, VERY DRY EYES, PEOPLE WITH SEVERELY IRREGULAR CORNEAL SURFACES FOR INSTANCE SOMEONE WHO MAY HAVE HAD AN EYE INJURY, THESE LENSES CAN BE TREMENDOUSLY USEFUL."</p>
	<p>THE PROBLEM IS THAT IT CAN TAKE SOME WORK TO FIND THE LENSES AND AN EYE CARE PROFESSIONAL WITH EXPERIENCE IN USING THEM.</p>
	<p>FOR MORE INFORMATION, TALK TO YOUR DOCTOR OR VISIT MAYOCLINIC.ORG. I'M VIVIEN WILLIAMS.</p>
