

## CHRISTIN VEASLEY



Christin Veasley is the Executive Director of the National Vulvodynia Association (NVA), a nonprofit organization serving women with chronic vulvar pain (and related pain disorders), as well as medical professionals and scientists interested in the condition. After surviving a nearly fatal car accident in her teens, ensuing chronic pain led Christin into the study of medical sciences. She received a Bachelor of Science from the University of Wisconsin in 1997, and worked as a Research Assistant in the Department of Neurology at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine investigating the neurophysiological mechanisms of pelvic inflammation and pain before coming to the NVA. In her current position, Ms. Veasley develops educational programs for the patient and medical communities, attends and speaks at national healthcare conferences, meets with representatives from the pharmaceutical industry to facilitate research and development of novel treatments for vulvodynia and works with members of Congress and the National Institutes of Health to encourage increased federal funding of research on vulvodynia and comorbid pain disorders. Twenty-one years after her accident, Christin continues to live with chronic pain, but feels privileged to serve, and provide a voice for, this longtime neglected population of women.