



NORTH AMERICAN CHAPTER

OF THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF VULVOVAGINAL DISEASE

Nominating Committee Candidates

Chair: Jill Allbritton, MD-President Elect (Bylaws indicate Pres. Elect is chair)
Board Member: Nancy Phillips, MD- ISSVD Board member (Elected by Board)
At Large Members: 3 positions (Open Nominations, approved by membership)
Annemarie Dixe, NP

Specialty: Women's Health Nurse Practitioner

Country: USA

Working in ob/gyn for 30 years. ISSVD Fellow with a practice encompassing all vulvovaginal disorders.

Alisa Pascale, NP

Specialty: Women's Health Nurse Practitioner, Gynecology Practice

Country: Boston, MA, USA

Over 20 years of experience working with patients with vulvovaginal disorders and long time member of ISSVD.

Lucia Treviño, MD

Specialist: Dermatologist

Country: México

I am a Dermatologist and Vulvologist, I work in private practice and also as a guest professor of Vulvar Diseases in two Universities. I am interested to serve on the Nominating committee because I would love to be more involved in the NA chapter.

Nominees for Election

Melissa Mauskar, MD.

Specialty: Dermatology

Applying for: **President Elect**

Country: USA

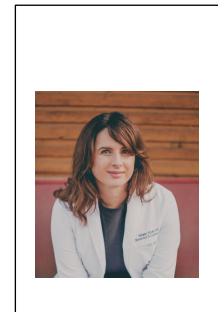


I am an Associate professor and Director of Womens health program and Vulvar Dermatology at UT Southwestern in Dallas, Texas. After serving on the board of directors since 2018, I am applying to lead the NA ISSVD as president elect. My strengths are rooted in collaboration,

innovation, and social intelligence. I will leverage these core values to sustain our relevance among sister societies.

As a fellow of the ISSVD, and Chair of the ISSVD Education committee I understand that the needs of both the ISSVD and our NA chapter are evolving. This year, I helped champion our NA ISSVD clinical mentorship program - a unique opportunity to formalize training opportunities for our North American members. This is our first year sponsoring the mentorship program, and I hope to expand this to include physical therapists, pathology, and other clinical members of our multidisciplinary group.

I hope to find more ways to connect our members over the next several years both in person and through virtual activities. I would be honored to be your future president.



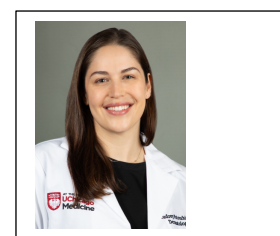
Melanie Altas, MD

Specialty: Gynecology
Applying for: **Secretary General**
Country: Canada

I am honoured to put my name forward for the role of Secretary General of the North American Chapter of the ISSVD. As a gynaecologist specializing in vulvar disease, sexual medicine and colposcopy, I have dedicated my clinical, academic, and advocacy efforts to improving care for individuals with chronic vulvovaginal conditions. I currently serve as the Director of the BC Centre for Vulvar Health, a multidisciplinary program for the diagnosis and treatment of vulvar pain, chronic vulvar conditions and sexual dysfunction.

Through this role, I have led initiatives focused on provider education, knowledge translation, and health equity—work that directly aligns with the mission of the ISSVD. Over the past decade, I have supported research and education initiatives in vulvovaginal health and sexual medicine through multiple grant-funded projects. These include co-chairing the bi-annual Vulvovaginal Health Update, development of the Vulvodynia Toolkit for Primary Care Physicians, and serving as co-Principal Investigator of SHAPE (Sexual Health And genito-Pelvic pain knowledge Empowerment Hub), a CIHR-funded pan-Canadian initiative addressing barriers to sexual health information and care. I am deeply committed to advancing education for both residents and community physicians, having co-developed a mandatory one-month OB/GYN residency rotation in vulvovaginal health and a six-month clinical fellowship for gynecologists. I also regularly contribute to interdisciplinary teaching and have delivered numerous invited presentations on vulvar pain and sexual health at local, national, and international conferences. As an active NA chapter ISSVD board member and fellow, I am deeply committed to the society's goals and values. I see the role of Secretary General as a unique opportunity to contribute to the organization's growth and continuity. I bring a detail-oriented, collaborative, and strategic approach, and I would be honoured to support the society and its members in this capacity.

Audrey Fotouhi, MD



Specialty: Dermatology
Applying For: **NA Chapter board member at large**
Country: United States

I am writing to express my sincere interest in serving as a Member At Large on the Board of NA-ISSVD. I am a board-certified dermatologist at the University of Chicago with a subspecialty focus in vulvar dermatology and women's health.

My clinical experience is complemented by my active involvement in the Vulvar Dermatology Research Consortium, where I am committed to advancing research in vulvar health, and serve as the Chair of the Membership Committee. Additionally, I am a member of the ISSVD Online Education and Competency Subcommittee.

I am eager to contribute to NA-ISSVD's mission of advancing research, education, and awareness in vulvovaginal health throughout North America. I am detail-oriented, responsive, and committed to education and professional development within this field.

Georgia Lefas, MD

Specialty: Obstetrics and Gynecology
Applying For: **NA Chapter board member at large**
Country: Canada



I am writing to express my strong interest in serving as a Member-at-Large on the Board of the International Society for the Study of Vulvovaginal Disease (ISSVD). As a gynecologist with advanced training in vulvovaginal disorders and sexual medicine, I am deeply committed to improving care, education, and awareness around these often-overlooked conditions. I believe that my clinical practice, academic background, and longstanding leadership experience position me to contribute to the ISSVD's mission.

I currently lead the Health Sciences Centre Vulvar Health Clinic in Winnipeg, Manitoba, a tertiary-care referral centre dedicated to the diagnosis and management of complex vulvar conditions. The clinic serves a broad and diverse patient population spanning Manitoba, Nunavut, Northern Ontario, and Saskatchewan, providing care to individuals who often face significant geographic and systemic barriers. Importantly, the clinic is also a key educational resource for obstetrics and gynecology residents and international medical graduates, offering hands-on training in vulvar disease — an area that remains underrepresented in most curricula.

I have been a member of the ISSVD since 2021 and have attended several international meetings. My academic background includes a residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology (University of Manitoba), a Doctor of Medicine (University of Calgary), and a Master of Science in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology. In 2022, I completed advanced training in vulvovaginal disorders and sexual medicine at the University of British Columbia.

Over the past decade, I have held leadership roles in clinical governance, medical education, and quality improvement. I serve on several departmental committees dedicated to education, safety, and mentorship. I have been particularly active in supporting competency-based education, mentorship programs, and learner advocacy.

I am passionate about fostering interdisciplinary collaboration, expanding access to care, and strengthening medical education in vulvovaginal health. Serving as a Member-at-Large would allow me to further support ISSVD's goals of global education, research dissemination, and clinical excellence in vulvovaginal health. I am particularly passionate about promoting educational access for early-career clinicians, expanding patient-centred care frameworks, and strengthening collaborative networks across disciplines and borders.

Thank you for considering my application. It would be a true honour to contribute to the continued growth and leadership of the ISSVD through this role.

Audrey Rutherford, MD

Specialty: Dermatology
Applying For: **NA Chapter board member at large**
Country: United States



I am a community-based dermatologist practicing in Denver, Colorado, with a clinical focus on vulvar dermatoses. My passion for vulvovaginal dermatology and women's health began early in residency, where I pursued research and publications on conditions such as lichen sclerosus and plasma cell vulvitis. Since completing my training, I've been dedicated to expanding access to vulvovaginal care outside of academic centers. Practicing in the community has allowed me to offer highly personalized care and maintain the flexibility needed to address each patient's unique needs. I've successfully integrated vulvar dermatology as a subspecialty in two private practices, first in Salt Lake City and now in Denver. These experiences have given me a unique perspective as a non-academic specialist working in real-world clinical settings, and I believe this viewpoint would be a valuable addition to the ISSVD board.

I am applying to be considered a Member at Large because I'm deeply committed to the ISSVD and its mission. As an early-career member, I've been an enthusiastic participant of ISSVD, attending the meeting in Chicago, traveling to Slovenia for the World Congress, and engaging actively on the Listserve. I'm continually inspired by this organization, its members, and the patients we serve. ISSVD is already making a meaningful impact, and I'm eager to contribute to its continued growth and especially within the North American Chapter, given the evolving healthcare landscape in the U.S. I've taken every opportunity to champion ISSVD and its work. I've highlighted the society during my lectures on vulvovaginal diseases such as at the Society for Dermatology Physician Assistants Fall Conference, on multiple podcasts focused on vulvovaginal health, at the AAD Annual Meeting, and even within my local journal club. My goal in all these settings has been to increase awareness, improve provider education, foster collaboration, and position ISSVD as a leading resource in the field.

I remain active in several vulvar disease-focused organizations, and I strongly believe in the power of accessible, accurate, and collaborative education. My hope is to bridge gaps in knowledge and help build a more connected and informed community of clinicians throughout Canada, the U.S., and Mexico. It would be an honor to serve our members and support ISSVD's mission in this role.

INCUMBENT POSITIONS TO REMAIN IN OFFICE

Jillian Kerry, MD

Specialty: Gynecology
Member at large-2nd Term
Country: Canada

Amy Stenson, MD, MPH

Specialty: Gynecology
Treasurer-2nd Term
Country: USA

Aruna Venkatesan, MD

Specialty: Dermatology
Immediate Past President
Country: USA