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NIH OFFICE OF RESEARCH ON WOMEN'S HEALTH LAUNCHES VULVODYNIA AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

WHAT: Launch of Vulvodynia Awareness Campaign

To raise awareness about vulvodynia, a chronic unexplained pain or discomfort of the vulva. While a number of causes have been proposed, researchers still don't know why vulvodynia happens to some women. An estimated 14 million American women may have vulvodynia at one point in their lives. However, many health care providers are not aware of the condition, so they aren't always able to diagnose it. As a result, many women may go for a long period of time without a diagnosis. This campaign is designed to raise awareness of the condition that is frequently not discussed, but can greatly affect the lives and personal relationships of women of all races, ethnic groups and ages.

WHO: NIH Office of Research on Women's Health, the National Women's Health Resource Center, NIH components, and thirty federal and non-federal partners.

WHERE: NATIONAL PRESS CLUB
529 14th Street, NW
Washington, D.C, 20045
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

WHEN: Wednesday, October 24, 2007
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