

WOMEN'S INTERAGENCY HIV STUDY
QUESTION BY QUESTION SPECIFICATIONS
BLSA: Baltimore Longitudinal Study of Aging Questions

NOTE: If participant is pregnant, do not complete the *BLSA*.

SECTION B. BLSA QUESTIONS

The questions in **Section B** are taken from *The Baltimore Longitudinal Study on Aging* (BLSA). This study set out to measure physiological and psychological functions in healthy community-living volunteers over long periods of time. When the *BLSA* study began in 1958, little was known about how female sexuality might change with menopause or with age and how physiological, psychological and social factors affect sexual functioning. Since 1982, over 100 *BLSA* women have completed personal interviews about sexual behavior and attitudes. These questions were added to the WIHS interview so that investigators can determine average female sexual function at different ages of HIV-positive women.

HAND PARTICIPANT FOLLOW-UP RESPONSE CARD M3. The responses on the top half of the card should be used to answer **Questions B1a** through **B1m**. The responses on the bottom half of the card should be used to answer **Questions B2a** through **B2c**.

- B1. For **Questions B1a** through **B1m**, have the participant indicate how often during the past two weeks she has experienced each of the listed symptoms.
- B2. For **Questions B2a** through **B2c**, have the participant indicate how often during the past two weeks she has experienced each of the listed sleep disorders.
- B3. For **Question B3**, have the participant rate her quality of sleep over the past month. *Please ensure that the participant realizes this question asks about sleep habits over the past month, as the two previous questions ask about symptoms over the past two weeks.*
- B4. Indicate the time that administration of the *BLSA* ended.