

**WOMEN'S INTERAGENCY HIV STUDY  
QUESTION BY QUESTION SPECIFICATION  
FORM L15: HISTOPATHOLOGY REPORT**

Guidelines for completing L15, "Histopathology Report." Note that not every question is detailed in these Q x Q's, but only those requiring further explanation than that listed on Form L15.

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

Use the form version dated 04/01/03.

A SEPARATE FORM L15 MUST BE GENERATED FOR EACH BIOPSY OR HISTOPATHOLOGY RESULT. For example, if a patient had an endocervical curettage, 2 cervical punch biopsies, and a vulvar biopsy performed, this requires completion of 4 separate form L15's.

**SECTION A.**

- A1. Record the biopsy number out of the total number of biopsies taken at this particular visit.
- A3. Circle only one code for the type of biopsy that was performed. If the biopsy performed was a colposcopically directed punch biopsy (code 2), be sure to record the punch biopsy location in subquestion 2a before moving on to question A4. If uncertain as to the categorization, please circle code "11" for "Other" and clearly **specify** what type of biopsy was performed.
- A4. If the specimen was unsatisfactory and was not evaluated, circle "3" and do not complete any more questions, as instructed by the **END** prompt.
- A6. All abnormalities on this list must be accounted for by circling codes "1" or "2". Circle code "1" for "YES" for each finding/abnormality present. Circle code "2" for "NO" for each finding that is absent. If there is an abnormality present that is not listed in A1a-A1y, record the abnormality in the specify field for A6z, "Other."
- A7. If an excisional biopsy was performed and the margins were evaluated to be positive, indicate in A7a. and A7b. which margins were positive and which were negative. If all margins are negative or if an excisional biopsy was not performed, skip over section (a) and (b) and go to question A8.
- A10. The histopathology accession number, slide number, pathologist's name, and the name/number of the institution must be recorded. Each institution reports this information in a slightly different manner; however, it is always present on the histopathology report and must be abstracted completely.