

**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

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 four separate form *L15*'s.

SECTION A.

- A1. Record the biopsy number reported on the form 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 **Question 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 **Questions A1a** through **A1z**, record the abnormality in the specify field for **Question A6aa**, "Other."
- A7. If an excisional biopsy was performed and the margins were evaluated to be positive, indicate in **Questions 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 sections (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.