

Appendix. Questions Used to Assess Sexual Activity, Desire, Satisfaction, and Sexual Problems

Concept	Question	Response Options	Selected Threshold for Poor or Worse Function
Sexual activity, desire, and satisfaction (assessed in all women)			
Frequency of sexual activity	During the past 3 months, have you had any sexual activity, that is any activity that is arousing to you, including masturbation? Typically, how frequently did you have sexual activity	Less than monthly, monthly, weekly, daily	Less than monthly
Sexual desire or interest	During the past 3 months, how would you rate your level of sexual desire or interest?	Very high, high, moderate, low, very low, none	Low, very low or none
Overall sexual satisfaction	During the past 3 months, on average, how would you rate your overall level of sexual satisfaction?	Very satisfied, moderately satisfied, about equally satisfied and dissatisfied, moderately dissatisfied, very dissatisfied	Moderately dissatisfied or very dissatisfied
Specific sexual problems (assessed in sexually active women only)			
Difficulty with arousal	During the past 3 months, how would you rate your level of arousal (turn on) during sexual activity or intercourse?	Very high, high, moderate, low, very low or none	Low, very low or none
Difficulty with lubrication	During the past 3 months, how difficult was it to become lubricated (wet) during sexual activity or intercourse?	Not difficult, slightly difficult, difficult, very difficult, extremely difficult or impossible	Difficult, very difficult, extremely difficult or impossible
Difficulty with orgasm	During the past 3 months, when you had sexual stimulation or intercourse, how difficult was it for you to reach orgasm (climax)?	Not difficult, slightly difficult, difficult, very difficult, extremely difficult or impossible	Difficult, very difficult, extremely difficult or impossible
Pain/discomfort during vaginal	During the past 3 months, how would you rate your level of	Very low or none at all, low, moderate,	Moderate, high or very high

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intercourse	discomfort or pain during or following vaginal penetration?	high, very high, I did not attempt intercourse or vaginal penetration	
Overall impact of physical health on sexual function (assessed in all women)			
Limitation of sexual activity by physical health	During the past 3 months, how much as your physical health limited your sexual activity, that is any activity that is arousing to you, including masturbation?	Extremely, slightly, moderately, quite a bit, extremely	Quite a bit or extremely

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