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INSTRUMENT TITLE: Perceptions of Stigma of HIV-Positive Women

SOURCE ARTICLE: Sowell, R. L., Lowenstein, A., Moneyham, L., Demi, A., Mizuno, Y., Seals, B.F. (1997). Resources, Stigma, and Patterns of Disclosure in Rural Women with HIV Infection. *Public Health Nursing*, 14(5), 302-312.

RESPONSE OPTIONS: Often, Sometimes, Rarely, Not at all

SURVEY ITEMS:

1. Felt blamed by others for illness.
2. Felt ashamed of illness.
3. Thought illness was punishment for things done in past.
4. Feared I would lose my job if someone found out.
5. Felt compelled to change my residence because of illness.
6. Avoided getting treatment because someone might find out.
7. Feared people would hurt my family if they learned about my illness.
8. Thought other people were uncomfortable being with me.
9. Felt people avoiding me because of my illness.
10. Feared I would lose my friends if they learned about my illness.
11. Feared my family would reject me if they learned about my illness.
12. Felt I wouldn't get as good health care if people learned about my illness.

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13. People who know I am HIV positive treat me with kid gloves.

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