Key questions defining research program:

1) How does sexual function change as women move through midlife and older age?
2) What are the factors (biological, sociocultural, interpersonal, psychological) that affect sexual function as women age?
3) How do common medical problems, such as hypertension, affect sexual function?
4) What are the sexual health outcomes that are most important to midlife and older women?
5) What types of non-pharmaceutical interventions are effective for treating sexual dysfunction in midlife and older women?

Key words describing research program:

1) Female sexual function and dysfunction
2) Women’s health
3) Menopause
4) Aging
5) Sexual health

Titles for shovel-ready research projects:

1) What is the role of race in women’s experiences of changes in sexual function during midlife?
2) What role does body image play in women’s experiences of sexual function during midlife?
3) What are the reasons that midlife women choose to be sexually active?
4) What is the cross-sectional relationship between psychosocial factors (i.e., social support) and sexual satisfaction in older women?

Data sources for shovel-ready research projects:

1) Publicly available data sets, such as MIDUS
2) Qualitative data collected from 39 midlife women
3) Potentially SWAN / SPRINT