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Gender-based violence and breast cancer: A threat to women's health equity in Canada

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In Canada, intimate partner violence (IPV) and breast cancer are pervasive public health concerns that disproportionately affect women. However, the intersection of these issues is often overlooked, despite an estimated 1 in 8 breast cancer patients experiencing IPV at the same time as cancer – and often facing health disparities as a result.

I study the biopsychosocial relationships between breast cancer and IPV in Canada, with the goal of exploring health disparities and lived experiences. Additionally, I am co-creating a trauma- and violence-informed clinical tool for breast cancer healthcare providers in collaboration with patients, oncology teams, IPV professionals, and non-profit organizations.

Overall, I aim to shed light on the experiences of Canadian women who experience IPV and breast cancer and promote improved health outcomes among this equity deserving group.