

HIV STIGMA NEGATIVELY AFFECTS ANTI-RETROVIRAL (ART) TREATMENT AMONG CANADIAN WOMEN LIVING WITH HIV THROUGH ITS IMPACT ON PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS, SELF-IMAGE, AND HOW WOMEN LIVING WITH HIV FEEL THEY ARE PERCEIVED BY OTHERS. THESE FACTORS AFFECT ART INITIATION, USE AND ADHERENCE DIRECTLY, AND ALSO ACT THROUGH THEIR EFFECTS ON DEPRESSION, AND CONCERNS ABOUT HIV DISCLOSURE.