



## WOMEN'S HEALTH IN WOMEN'S HANDS COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE

### RESEARCH PROJECT OVERVIEW

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Title:	<b>Understanding the Dynamics of HIV Serodiscordant Relationships in the Canadian Social-Structural Context: Protocol Development Phase</b>
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#### **Project Summary:**

Aims of this project are to explore: 1) issues faced by those living in sero-discordant relationships, their needs, their coping strategies; 2) how these may vary across communities, over time, and by other characteristics (e.g. gender of infected partner, duration of infection, mode of infection, viral load/disease progression, infected prior or during current relationship, duration of relationship); and 3) how the Canadian social and structural context – norms, attitudes, programs, policies, laws (e.g. Canadian attitudes toward HIV and serodiscordance, health care, social assistance, human rights protection, criminalization of non-disclosure) facilitate or create barriers to risk reductions and quality of life for sero-discordant couples.