Cancer disparities are worsening among Indigenous peoples in Canada:
- Incidence of cancer is decreasing among non-Indigenous Canadians while increasing among Indigenous peoples1
- Indigenous peoples are diagnosed at later stages of cancer1,2
- Fewer Indigenous peoples are alive 5 years after a cancer diagnosis than non-Indigenous Canadians3,4

PROPOSED STUDY
Objective: To generate knowledge on the role of nurses in shaping access to cancer care for Indigenous peoples

Specific Aims:
1. To identify how nurses understand barriers and facilitators to accessing cancer care among Indigenous peoples
2. To explore how nurses understand their role in shaping access to cancer care
3. To identify nursing strategies to improve access to cancer care for Indigenous peoples

Theoretical & Conceptual Foundations:
- A postcolonial theoretical perspective will serve as the theoretical foundation for the study
- Building on the work of Browne et al.14, cultural safety and trauma-v Violence informed care perspectives guided the framework development, and will be used to explore the role of nurses in shaping access to cancer care

Methodology: Interpretive description12 informed by critical discourse analysis17 methodology will guide study design, data collection and data analysis

Design: Embedded, sequential multiple-methods (online questionnaire; follow-up individual interviews)

RESULTS & SIGNIFICANCE
- Disrupts current conceptualizations of access to shift focus to relational aspects of healthcare and healthcare access
- Promotes the agency of nurses to impact access to healthcare
- Preliminary results available on request

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