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# **The experiences of older trans and non- binary people living with dementia and their carers**

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This presentation reviews the empirical findings from a Canadian study examining the experiences of trans and non-binary people living with dementia and their carers. Using a trans-affirmative, critical disability, anti-ageist, and intersectional approach, we conducted interviews with two trans people living with dementia and four carers. The findings reveal how cogniticism impacts gender identity and cisgenderism, for example through blocked surgeries. The findings also reveal how dementia impacts gender identity and cisgenderism, for example, by increasing the need for formal care that in turn increases vulnerability to structural violence. Furthermore, the findings illustrate how cisgenderism and gender identity impact dementia and cogniticism by limiting care options. There are also unique features to caring for a trans or non-binary person with dementia, namely, becoming a carer due to marginalized status, performing care tasks linked to gender, and managing multiple forms of discrimination directed at both the trans or non-binary person with dementia and themselves. We end by offering recommendations that come directly from the participants.



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