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ABSTRACT

This dissertation examines the lived experiences of four previously active women who suffered traumatic spinal cord injuries and became disabled. In particular, it works to illuminate the differences in women's experience of disability compared to previous research on men and disability. Gendered experiences of embodiment and impairment are revealed and a new narrative type – the resilience narrative - is outlined. Some practical implications of these illuminating experiences are offered.

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