

# Interpersonal violence and bladder pain in women

A team including a VA researcher studied nearly **2,000 women** and found that those who had been exposed to **interpersonal violence**—including sexual assault—or had **PTSD symptoms** were more likely to experience **bladder pain** and/or **urinary tract infections**. The researchers say “interpersonal violence and PTSD may be under-recognized markers of risk for urologic pain and infections, highlighting a need for trauma-informed care of these issues.”

