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This thesis investigates the associations between bereavement, stress resilience, and cancer. One area is concerned with potential long-term consequences of childhood bereavement, which may include altered stress reactivity as well as cancer development in early adulthood. The second area focuses on stress resilience in late adolescence, and how compromised resilience may be associated with use of addictive substances, as well as with different types of cancer.

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