Breast Cancer, Emotion, Treatment
Does emotional response affect breast cancer treatment?

Common diagnosis
Breast cancer is common and early-stage breast cancer outcomes are often excellent.

Strong emotional response
The emotional response to the diagnosis is strong and decision-making is complex.

Treatment implications
The response affects patients, and may transfer to providers, further impairing key decisional processes.

"I am interested in the way that providers are affected by emotion, consciously or unconsciously, and how it impacts how we talk to patients, how we make decisions with our patients and how we feel about the work we do every day."

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