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## 21W.777 The Science Essay

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**Homework #8**

*Due Th 3/5*

1) READ essays on the challenges of medical science (and which present pretty dark visions, too):

- David Quammen, “Deadly Contact,” 238-251.
- Kevin Patterson’s “The Patient Predator” in *The Best American Science Writing 2004*, NY: Harper Collins 2004. 189-200. [*eReserves*]

Consider especially what makes medical science distinctive as science—what are its hallmarks and its particular challenges? Consider also the ways in which these writers engage their readers. Why do you think they wrote these essays? Who do you think is each writer’s “core audience”?

2) Write a 1-¶ proposal for Essay 3. Indicate your proposed topic, why your topic matters (to both you and readers) and who you imagine your core readers to be. We will share these in class and I will collect them.

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