

# Bioengineering 304: Physiology

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Homework Assignment #0

Due: To be handed in four times during the term (quarterly)

1. Every quarter, at roughly three week intervals, you are asked to select one *interesting* news story from the popular press (Newsweek, Business week, BBC, CNN, Economist, Nature, Science etc.) concerning an engineering topic of your choice in nanotechnology, microelectronics, clinical applications, or bioengineering (including synthetic biology). News items relating to research or discovery stories **cannot** be accepted.
2. You are to provide no more than a one page summary (which may include one or more figures) of the selected story. Your write up should include a title for the story, your name, a description of the news item and **in particular** you should discuss the implications of the news item to society at large. The text should not be less than 200 words in length.