Medical tourism is clearly a rapidly growing global phenomenon. In an essay, in your own words please reflect on this specialized type of tourism. Specifically, I would like to see you consider:

1. The economic conditions that led to the rise of medical tourism (10 points).
2. The impact of medical tourism on host countries (10 points).

Although I would like to hear your thoughts about it I still expect what you say to be based upon the assigned readings\(^1\) as well as the videos, all listed below:

- Norra MacReady: [Developing Countries Court Medical Tourists](#).
- Fred Hansen: [A revolution in healthcare: Medicine meets the marketplace](#).
- John Connell: [Medical tourism: Sea, sun, sand and...surgery](#).
- Leigh Turner: [‘First World Health Care at Third World Prices’: Globalization, Bioethics and Medical Tourism](#).
- Alexander Edmonds: "[Almost Invisible Scars”: Medical Tourism to Brazil](#).
- Beth Kangas: [Complicating Common Ideas about Medical Tourism: Gender, Class, and Globality in Yemenis’ Medical Travel](#).
- Andrew Mazzaschi: [Surgeon and Safari: Producing Valuable Bodies in Johannesburg](#).
- Amit Snegupta: [Medical Tourism: Reverse Subsidy for the Elite](#).
- [60 Minutes Medical Tourism video](#).
- [Medical Tourism is Booming in Mexico](#).
- [India - Medical Tourism](#).

Please do this in 5 typed pages or less. Thanks and have a good weekend.

\(^1\) Don’t sigh, they’re not that long!