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## ABSTRACT



## **JEALOUS MISTRESS: DOCTORS AS POETS**

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There is a long tradition of doctors contributing to literature either as novelists or poets. In this presentation, I will focus on the possible impetus for creative writing in doctors and explore the themes that doctors treat in their poetry. I will examine the poetry of William Carlos Williams, Dannie Abse, Lenrie Peters, Ron Charach and others. I will conclude by discussing the merits of creative writing for the clinical practice of doctors.