

## Etiquette for the Very Ill

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Let's say you get cancer  
or have a heart attack  
or get hit by a bus  
You may think you need a doctor  
or a hospital  
But what you really need  
is a lesson in etiquette  
Otherwise you will end up  
making a very bad impression  
on friends, family,  
doctors, nurses,  
and complete strangers  
so that  
while struggling to live  
or struggling to die  
you will also be universally perceived  
as completely lacking  
in decorum

Etiquette  
That's right

By getting so sick  
you've just committed  
a serious social faux pas  
That's French for  
a fucking bad mistake  
from which you will probably  
never recover  
Ha-ha  
(Generally speaking,  
as a very sick person,  
you want to avoid mordant humor