

TV Review: Eighth Season Puts ‘House M.D.’ in a New Place

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CHICAGO – As long as Hugh Laurie limps in the shoes of Dr. Gregory House, the FOX TV nation will show up, because it's a great actor taking a memorable character and and putting him in often strange and unexpected situations. The eighth season premiere of “House M.D.” on October 3rd is no exception.



TV Rating: **4.0/5.0**

The premiere is juicy, because Gregory House is in jail – where I suspect even his hardcore fans believe he belongs. This new atmosphere is Kafka-esque, which adds a new twist to how the crabby disease-detecting doctor will operate. All the fine tuned elements of the House character are here, except the physician that is used to getting his way now will have to contend with shivs and stoolies, including the stunt casting of the former Steve Urkel (Jaleel White) as a cellblock procurer.

At the end of the seventh season, Gregory House (Hugh Laurie) crashed his car into the living room of his colleague and sometimes lover, Lisa Cuddy. When the eighth season begins, we see House in front of a panel of New Jersey correctional judges, waiting for the proclamation of his parole. We find out that he left the country for three months after the incident, and has been in custody ever since. He is his usual put-upon self, but the panel will release him in five days, given that he breaks no rules.