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## Stellingen

Behorend bij het proefschrift

'Multimodality imaging to guide cardiac interventional procedures'

1. Image integration allows visualization of critical structures during atrial fibrillation ablation, previously not perceptible. (this thesis)
2. Successful treatment of atrial fibrillation with radiofrequency catheter ablation results in improved left atrial and left ventricular function. (this thesis)
3. The follow-up of pacemaker patients should include the echocardiographic assessment of ventricular dyssynchrony. (this thesis)
4. Pacing the right ventricle is not always pacing the ventricles right. (this thesis)
5. Multi-slice computed tomography is essential for optimal patient selection in the percutaneous treatment of valvular heart disease. (this thesis)
6. Coronary sinus anatomy is the Achilles' heel of percutaneous mitral annuloplasty. (this thesis)
7. The evidence-based cardiology community may find that, in addition to trying to invent and apply new therapies, it needs to adapt to — but still operate responsibly in — a new world of therapies based on incomplete and missing data. (Bach DS, Circulation 2009;120;272-4)
8. The field of transcatheter treatment of valvular heart disease requires close cooperation between interventional cardiologists, cardiovascular surgeons, and imaging specialists. (Nissen SE and Tuzcu EM, J Am Coll Cardiol 2006;47:2332-3)
9. A thesis is like a 'to do-list': once you finish it, the real work starts.
10. Life is what happens to you while you're busy making other plans. (John Lennon)
11. The key to efficiency is adding some time zones between a PhD student and its supervisor.
12. The Future is Fusion.

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