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STELLINGEN BIJ HET PROEFSCHRIFT 'IMPACT AND BENEFITS OF EARLY HEARING SCREENING'

1. A pass at newborn hearing screening does not guarantee normal hearing in childhood (this thesis).
2. The development of children with permanent childhood hearing impairment at the age of 3-5 years is better when screened by newborn hearing screening than distraction hearing screening (this thesis).
3. Insight into the cause of hearing impairment is essential when evaluating the development of a child with permanent hearing impairment (this thesis).
4. The possibility of congenital cytomegalovirus infection should be explored in every child with permanent childhood hearing impairment (this thesis).
5. Early identification of hearing impairment is unlikely to result in improved developmental outcomes if it is not followed by early intervention (Yoshinaga-Itano, Pediatrics 1998 Nov;102(5):1161-71).
6. Plasticity of the central auditory system is crucial for the success of interventions in children with hearing impairment (Sharma, Neuroreport 2002 Jul 19;13(10):1365-8).
7. The euphemism 'refer' in hearing screening programs was adopted to characterize a failed hearing screening test and minimize parental anxiety (Morton, N Engl J Med. 2006 May 18;354(20):2151-64).
8. Randomized trials will almost always be necessary to show whether the hoped for benefit of a medical intervention exists (Vandenbroucke, Lancet 2009 Apr 11;373(9671):1233-5).
9. Women speak two languages - one of which is verbal (William Shakespeare).
10. E-mail - als laagdrempelig en snel medium - bevordert zowel de communicatie als de miscommunicatie (eigen ervaring).
11. Het leven is te kort om niet van te genieten! (Siem)