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Stellingen behorende bij het proefschrift
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1. Further simplification of the ‘revised Geneva score’ does not lead to a decrease in diagnostic accuracy or clinical utility of this diagnostic prediction rule. –this thesis
2. Wide scale implementation of prolonged follow-up including echocardiography of all patients with pulmonary embolism to detect CTEPH seems not warranted. - this thesis
3. Ruling out CTEPH in patients after acute pulmonary embolism is safe without additional diagnostic testing in absence of ECG criteria indicative of right ventricular hypertrophy and a normal NT-pro-BNP level. - this thesis
4. The care for a patient suffering from acute pulmonary embolism includes more than monitoring anticoagulant therapy. - this thesis
5. Longembolie is een ziekte die zowel patiënt als dokter aan het hart gaat.
-dit proefschrift
6. Because of the sharp increase in admissions for myocardial infarctions during and after penalty kicks following an undecided soccer match, it could be considered on medical grounds to abandon publically performed penalty series. -Carrol D *et al*, BMJ 2002; 325:1439–42
7. Diagnostic models are often not applied in daily practice since clinicians are reluctant to accept that such tools are not meant to be a substitute for clinical experience and skills, but to strengthen them. This latter opinion is clearly a misunderstanding.
- Grobbee *et al*, Clinical epidemiology, Jones and Bartlett Publishers 2009
8. The challenge for the physician in any diagnostic process not only lies in choosing the optimal diagnostic tests and in what order, but also in knowing when to stop testing.
-Grobbee *et al*, Clinical epidemiology, Jones and Bartlett Publishers 2009
9. In principal, causality is a researchers’ interpretation. –Hill AB, Proc R Soc Med 1965; 58:295-300
10. The curse of king Toetanchamon that predicted a swift death to all who disturbed his tomb, has failed. –Nelson MR, BMJ 2002; 325:1482-4.
11. Do, or do not. There is no try. -Yoda, Star Wars Episode V
12. When you do not encounter a headwind, you are cycling too slowly. –Road racing cyclists’ philosophy