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Stellingen
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1. Patients’ perceptions of their level of social support predict mortality better than actual level of social support. *(This thesis)*

2. Increasing the sense of control that patients on HD have over their treatment will improve their quality of life. *(This thesis)*

3. Strong associations of symptoms with quality of life but not with objective clinical indicators suggest that subjective assessments such as patients’ perceptions of symptom burden should be incorporated into the clinical management of symptoms. *(This thesis)*

4. Dialysis patients who perceive their health as ‘poor’ have a higher risk of mortality than those with better ratings of health. *(This thesis)*


6. Among people with chronic illness, those who perceive having high levels of spousal demands and criticisms live longer than those who report low levels of negative relations. *(Birditt & Antonucci, Soc Sci Med 2008; 67: 1291-1299)*


8. “We have become experts in understanding cause and treatment for health problems, but we are novices in effectively obtaining the client’s participation in using knowledge to increase his level of wellness.” *(Davies J, Cancer: The Behavioral Dimension; 1976)*


10. The greatest mistake in the treatment of diseases is that there are physicians for the body and physicians for the soul, although the two cannot be separated. *(Plato)*

11. Het grootste obstakel voor inburgering is het inburgeringsexamen.

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