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# Stellingen

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A prerequisite for ultimately developing successful patient-tailored therapy is that detailed patient profiling is done at the earliest possible moment, that is at the time of diagnosis.

(this thesis)

In studying ANCA-associated vasculitis (AAV), it is worthwhile to shift the main focus of interest from the peripheral blood to the kidneys and other involved tissues.

(this thesis)

Therapies aiming at enhancing or replacing fibrinolytic activity may be of benefit to AAV patients with anti-plasminogen antibodies.

(this thesis)

A histopathologic classification system of ANCA-associated glomerulonephritis aids in the prognostication of patients at the time of diagnosis, and facilitates uniform reporting between centers.

(this thesis)

We are in an era in which the efficacy of our therapeutic armamentarium results in a reduction of disease activity, but at the risk of serious adverse events.

(Falk RJ, Jennette JC. New England Journal of Medicine, 363 (3): 285-6, 2010)

Perception of a need to go gently should be tempered with the fact that, untreated, small vessel vasculitis is almost universally fatal.

(Little MA et al. Nephrology Dialysis Transplantation, 19 (2): 356-64, 2004)

There are few points in clinical pathology, which have gradually become so confused, as the diseases of the vascular system.

(Virchow R. Archiv für pathologische Anatomie und Physiologie und für klinische Medizin, 1847)

The treatment of autoimmunity is an important trade-off for cancer.

(Organizing committee 14th International Vasculitis and ANCA Workshop. APMIS, 117 (127): 1, 2009)

A scientist must be absolutely like a child. If he sees a thing, he must say that he sees it, whether it was what he thought he was going to see or not.

(Douglas Adams, The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy IV: So Long, and Thanks for All the Fish, 1984)

'GIGO' (Garbage in, Garbage out), a well-known teaching mantra from computer science, is applicable on statistical modeling as well.

The scientific community should ideally not be a respecter of persons, but of solid and reproducible data.

C'est l'angoisse du temps qui passe qui nous fait tant parler du temps qu'il fait.

*Freely translated from French as: 'We pass the time of day to forget how time passes.'*

(Le Fabuleux Destin d'Amélie Poulain, 2001)

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