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- 1. Negative moods increase the risk that children will experience somatic complaints (this dissertation).
- Whether children with common somatic complaints will visit an outpatient clinic is independent of their general emotional functioning (this dissertation).
- 3. Positive parental behavior in response to somatic complaints in children does not cause an increase in somatic complaints experienced by these children (this dissertation).
- 4. Children with a strong sense of control often function well emotionally and will experience few somatic complaints (this dissertation).
- 5. Not a lack of knowledge about adaptive ways of dealing with negative emotions, but the presence of maladaptive thoughts forms a risk factor for the development of somatic complaints in children (this dissertation)
- The most common somatic complaints in childhood often are stronger related to emotional than to medical problems.
- 7. Interventions that increase children's optimism will probably cause a decrease in somatic complaints or have a preventive effect.
- 8. Getting your PhD increases the risk of somatic complaints (Van Rood, Goulmy, Bloklang, Pool, Van Rood, & Houwelingen, 1995).
- 9. Nothing is unimaginable
- 10. It is the perception, not the reality, which is crucial in determining behaviour (Carl Rogers, 1969).