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Stellingen behorend bij het proefschrift:

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- Diabetes and hypertension are the most important drivers of chronic kidney disease progression. [this thesis]
- 2. Optimization of risk factors, on top cardiovascular drug-treatment, attenuates CKD progression after myocardial infarction. [this thesis]
- 3. Type 1 diabetes patients with end-stage renal disease should preferably be offered a simultaneous pancreas-kidney transplantation, instead of a kidney transplantation alone. [this thesis]
- 4. Pre-surgery serum creatinine and duration of surgery predicts whether cardiac patients require renal replacement therapy shortly after elective cardiac surgery. [this thesis]
- 5. The "obesity paradox" is an epidemiological artefact based on selection bias, and should not be used to propagate overweight in any population
- 6. From a preventive point of view, adaptation of a healthier lifestyle is the best medicine, and the cheapest, but often the most difficult to adhere to.
- 7. In daily practice, is impossible to change the intake of just one nutrient in an entire diet.
- 8. Making decisions solely based on p-values, is meaningless, simplistic, and misleading, if the context is ignored. [KJ Rothman, J Gen Intern Med, 2014]
- 9. Finding evidence can be easy, but evidence in general should not surpass relevance. In a random cohort of human beings, the average person has one breast and one testicle. [Des MacHale, 28-01-1946]
- 10. Publishing a scientific article is like playing a game of RISK, a well-thought strategy may help, but in the end, victory or defeat are defined by a combination of luck and the mercy of your reviewers.