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Stellingen

1. Only a limited number of countries have implemented a well-defined and documented trauma system. (*this thesis*)
2. Despite the lower incidence of both penetrating and blunt trauma and lower hospital volumes, the in-hospital mortality in the Netherlands is similar to that in the United States. (*this thesis*)
3. The Geographical Information System-based model offers an objective way to evaluate the effects of proposed changes in trauma systems. (*this thesis*)
4. Severely injured patients are particularly susceptible to deterioration of their nutritional status and associated complications due to the unique metabolic response following injury. (*this thesis*)
5. There is no “one-size-fits-all” model for the design of trauma systems.
6. To improve outcomes for severely injured patients, we should focus on strengthening each element in the trauma system, rather than simply focus on hospital volume.
7. Malnutrition is underappreciated and insufficiently treated in critically ill patients. (*Mogensen, 2015*)
8. Standardized collection of injury data and clinically relevant outcome measures are required for evaluation and international comparisons of trauma care. (*Gruen, 2012*)
9. “Vaak bu’j te bange” (*Twents gezegde*) In plaats van de onmogelijkheden te zien moeten we de uitdaging soms gewoon aangaan
10. “Keep your heels, head and standards high” (*Coco Chanel, 1883-1971*) Wees jezelf en streef naar het beste