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QUALITY ASSURANCE IN THE SURGICAL TREATMENT OF GASTRIC CANCER

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1. The intended high surgical quality program in the CRITICS trial has succeeded and should be considered as an example for future gastric cancer trials. (this thesis)
2. Upfront randomization in the CRITICS gastric cancer trial did not influence the quality of surgery. (this thesis)
3. There is an indisputable effect of hospital volume on short- and long term outcomes of gastric cancer. (this thesis)
4. The substantial treatment and survival differences in elderly and metastatic (stage IV) gastric cancer patients between the European countries underline the need for more international collaboration. (this thesis)
5. A strict surgical quality program should be mandatory in the study protocol of each randomized clinical trial (concerning gastric cancer) with a surgical intervention.
6. Randomized clinical trials for gastric cancer should focus on the optimal approach for neo-adjuvant therapy instead of adjuvant therapy.
7. Limitations of randomized clinical trials should be acknowledged and population based cohort studies should be valued more.
8. Centralisation of gastric cancer surgery as part of a multidisciplinary team in the Netherlands is an essential element in improving outcomes for gastric cancer patients.
9. A person who never made a mistake never tried anything new. (Albert Einstein, 1879 - 1955) *Fouten maken is menselijk, als je maar nieuwe dingen blijft uitproberen.*
10. There is no way around the hard work. Embrace it. (Roger Federer, 2013) *Hard werken voor je passies in het leven moet je waarderen.*
11. I'm never tired of winning, and I'm never tired of skiing. (Lindsey Vonn) *Niets is zo fijn als skiën én winnen.*
12. You need to believe in yourself and what you do. Be tenacious and genuine. (Christian Louboutin, 2015) *Als je het doet, doe het dan met volle overtuiging en geloof in jezelf.*