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Stellingen

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"Predicting outcome after liver transplantation"

1. The difficulty with predicting survival in liver transplantation is that the outcome of a single transplantation is difficult to predict, because it depends on many unpredictable factors. *(This thesis)*

2. The Eurotransplant donor risk index (ET-DRI) is the most suitable model to describe the quality of liver allografts in the Eurotransplant region. (*This thesis)*

3. The current system of liver allocation, according to the model for end-stage liver disease (MELD), did not lead to the expected reduction in waiting list mortality and should be revised. *(This thesis)*

4. Decreasing first warm ischemia time (WIT) will improve graft survival in DCD liver transplantation. *(This thesis)* In the Dutch setting, a first step to reduce the first WIT would be a simple change of protocol by withdrawal of ventilatory support in the OR rather than in the ICU.

5. The survival benefit among liver transplant candidates should be considered as a component of allocation policy, in order to direct organs to those most likely to benefit from the procedure. *(Robert Merion et al. American Journal of Transplantation 2005)*

6. Correction of outcome data for case-mix may promote sharing of outcome data and is therefore essential for improving transparency.

7. The ideal allocation system would consist of an optimal balance between medical urgency, utility, equity and (national) applicability.

8. The active donation registration system (ADR) is another example of the Dutch 'polder model'.

9. With all vascular anastomoses being a critical part in the liver transplantation operation, a future transplant surgeon is better trained as a vascular surgeon as compared to a gastrointestinal surgeon.

10. The best way is to get the job done, before anyone realizes what you're up to. *(Thomas E. Starzl)*

11. Als je iets wilt onderzoeken waar je eigenlijk niks van weet, moet je dat bij jezelf doen en niet bij anderen. *(Jon. J. van Rood)*

12. Hoe meer je doet, hoe meer je kan. *(oma Puck)*