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A COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH
FOR QUALITY ASSURANCE OF BREAST CANCER CARE

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1. Although a hospital transfer after breast cancer diagnosis delays treatment, it might have benefits for certain patients | *this thesis*
2. Second opinions might have an added value for diagnostics and primary treatment of breast cancer | *this thesis*
3. An immediate breast reconstruction after mastectomy is not contra-indicated regarding timely initiating of adjuvant chemotherapy | *this thesis*
4. Timely initiation of adjuvant chemotherapy is warranted specifically among triple-negative breast cancer patients undergoing breast-conserving surgery | *this thesis*
5. Unplanned revision surgery occurs less often after direct-to-implant immediate breast reconstruction compared to a two-stage reconstruction with a tissue-expander followed by an implant | *this thesis*
6. Denmark and the Netherlands have a comparable breast-contour preservation rate, despite the more frequent use of neoadjuvant chemotherapy and postmastectomy immediate reconstruction in the Netherlands | *this thesis*
7. Breast-conserving surgery using oncoplastic surgery is an oncological safe option | *this thesis*
8. Reconstructive surgery is increasingly important among the options of choice in breast cancer treatment and should be part of shared decision-making
9. (Inter)national variation in breast cancer care highlights the importance of improving the consensus among physicians
10. Teams and organizations with less variation in outcomes overall, allow easier identification of positive changes | *derived from E. Teisberg, 2018*
11. Healthcare systems should meet the most common types of needs, but have the capability of patient-tailored care | *derived from Crossing the Quality Chasm: A New Health System for the 21st Century, Institute of Medicine, 2001*
12. Measure what is measurable, and make measurable what is not so | *Galileo Galilei (1564-1642)*
13. Wie in het dal blijft, ziet nooit de andere kant van de berg | *Jose de Cauwer (1949-)*