

Treating Meningioma: does the patient benefit? A paradigm shift from tumor to patient

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Stellingen behorend bij het proefschrift getiteld

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- 1. A complete meningioma resection does not lead to a completely cured patient (this thesis)
- 2. PROs should be routinely measured in meningioma practice, and effectiveness of interventions should primarily be based on outcomes relevant for patients (this thesis).
- 3. Informed consent for most neurosurgical procedures was impossible until recently (this thesis).
- 4. Improving the caregiver burden will improve patient's well-being too (this thesis).
- 5. The care for anterior skull base meningioma patients benefits from a strong collaboration between neurosurgeons and ophthalmologists, especially regarding timing of intervention (this thesis)
- 6. There is no room for the Simpson grade in current meningioma surgery (Schwartz & McDermott, *Journal of Neurosurgery*, 2020).
- 7. Radiotherapy should not be perceived as an equal first-line or second-line treatment option for surgically suitable patients with intracranial meningioma (Goldbrunner, *Lancet Oncology*, 2018).
- 8. "If we were to designate an intracranial neoplasm that has had the most effect on the development of neurologic surgery, very likely the intracranial meningioma would be prominently considered." (MacCarty & Taylor. Neurol Med Chir, 1979) Forty years later meningioma surgery still leads the way for neurosurgical developments.
- 9. Value-Based Healthcare should be driven by clinicians, and not by economists, epidemiologists, managers, or consultants.
- 10. "Race is not a biologic category based on innate differences that produce unequal health outcomes. Rather, it is a social category that reflects the impact of unequal social experiences on health." (Amutah, NEJM, 2021) Current use of race in medicine does more harm than good.
- 11. Er is behoefte aan meer medisch onderzoek, niet minder. Derhalve zijn er meer artsen nodig die ook onderzoek doen.
- 12. Coschappen zijn net een sociaal experiment: soms zit je in Grey's Anatomy, soms in de Hunger Games.