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1. There is no gold standard, yet there is a base metal standard for the definition of shared decision making.

this thesis and based on Dowie J. (2019), Eur J Pers Cent Healthc 7:506-17

2. In shared decision making, it does not matter who makes the final decision if the decision-making process was shared, and the decision takes into account what the patient considers to be important.

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3. Developers of measurement instruments should both explicate which shared decision making construct they aim to measure and carefully consider which hypotheses to formulate, in order to enable construct validity testing.

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4. Items that exclusively ask about patient behavior should be included when measuring shared decision making in oncology.

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5. Doctors do not know what matters to their patients, until their patients tell them.

based on Pieterse A.H. (2022), BMJ Evid Based Med 27:67-8

6. Healthcare professionals should approach their patients as persons with a health condition and a life beyond, to enable shared decision making.

based on Joseph-Williams N. et al. (2014) BMJ 348:g3178

7. Shared decision making definitions and measurement instruments should be informed by the views of the ones who enact SDM in clinical practice.

based on Pieterse A.H. et al. (2018) Patient Educ Couns 101:1307-9

8. The field of shared decision making measurement should pay attention to the entire process of decision making, and not focus on a single medical encounter.

based on Clayman M.L. et al. (2017), Patient Educ Couns 100:600-4 and Blumenthal-Barby J. et al. (2019) Health Aff (Millwood) 38:1876-81

9. Not everything that can be measured matters, and not everything that matters can be measured.

based on Albert Einstein

10. The more you learn while doing scientific research, the more you realize how much you still have to learn.

based on Aristotle

11. Common sense (boerenverstand) always comes in handy, particularly when assessing the face validity of a measurement instrument.