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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.

*this thesis*

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.

*this thesis*

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

*this thesis*

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.