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POSTPARTUM HEMORRHAGE

From Insight to Action

1. There is wide variation between high-resource settings in the incidence and management of severe postpartum hemorrhage leading to massive transfusion; evidence-based and uniform management guidelines are needed. *(This thesis)*
2. Rotational fibrin-based thromboelastometry could not serve as an early point-of-care parameter to predict progression of bleeding when routinely taken between 800 and 1500mL of blood loss following childbirth. *(This thesis)*
3. Propensity score matching is an appropriate statistical method to compare the effect of different obstetric interventions within observational cohort studies on persistent postpartum hemorrhage. *(This thesis)*
4. The potential room for improvement makes postpartum hemorrhage an important target for continuous efforts to improve maternal outcome; we are morally obliged to draw qualitative lessons from maternal deaths. *(This thesis)*
5. A uniform and composite definition of severe postpartum hemorrhage is essential to evaluate and compare the results of studies across different settings and over time.
6. More reliable point-of-care viscoelastic hemostatic assays are needed to guide or withhold blood products during the course of ongoing postpartum hemorrhage.
7. Technology drives healthcare; innovative projects with integration of the medical and technological fields will lead to the innovation and optimization of obstetric intervention to stop bleeding.
8. Routine and systematic collection of data on severe postpartum hemorrhage may help to establish confidential audits of maternal near miss and maternal mortality cases in a recurrent manner in order to improve the quality of maternity care.
9. Give blood for those who give life. *(WHO, 2014)* – access to safe blood to manage pregnancy- and childbirth-related complications should be part of maternity care.
10. In the end it is not only about finding balance in your propensity score model, but also about finding balance in your life. *(Camila Caram-Deelder, 2018)* – maintaining a work-life balance is essential during your PhD.
11. You miss 100 percent of the shots you don't take. *(Michael Jordan, 1992)* – You can't succeed unless you try.
12. Nulla tenaci invia est via. *(Spyker, 1915)* – For the tenacious, no road is impossible.