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Injury patterns, outcome and their influencing factors

1. The risk of under triage of injury severity in elderly road traffic accident victims is obvious and should be addressed in the early phases of trauma care. (*This thesis*)
2. Mandatory helmet usage in light-moped riders should be considered. (*This thesis*)
3. Specific brain injury patterns can be distinguished for specific road user groups. (*This thesis*)
4. Alcohol intoxication in patients with moderate and severe traumatic brain injury is associated with better survival. (*This thesis*)
5. To develop new ideas for prevention measures, on scene road traffic accident fatalities must not be neglected. (*Heinrich et al, 2017*)
6. Helmets are most beneficial in crashes involving relatively small kinetic energy transfers. (*van Camp et al, 1998*)
7. Although motorized mobility scooters improve self-perceived quality of life, their use can have detrimental long-term effects by increasing cardiovascular risk. (*Zagol et al, 2010*)
8. Serious injuries after road traffic accidents are both common and costly to society because of long-time rehabilitation and healthcare needs. (*European Commission, 2018*)
9. A team of surgeons is not only a group of doctors who work together, but also a group of doctors who trust each other. (*Naar Simon Sinek, British-American author and inspirational speaker*)
10. Unfortunately, surgeons will sometimes falter, and it is unreasonable to ask that they achieve perfection. What is reasonable is to ask that surgeons never cease to aim for perfection. (*Naar Atul Gawande (2010). "Complications: A Surgeon's Notes on an Imperfect Science"*)