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## Stellingen behorende bij het proefschrift getiteld

### Left Ventricular Reconstruction in Ischemic Cardiomyopathy

1. Left ventricular reconstruction surgery is performed with acceptable mortality and endo-ventricular reconstruction may be the preferred technique with a reduced risk for early and late mortality (dit proefschrift)
2. Concomitant CABG improves outcome in LV reconstruction surgery, whereas the need for mitral valve surgery appeared an index of gravity (dit proefschrift)
3. Application of echocardiographic WMSI to select patients for SVR is useful (dit proefschrift)
4. Left ventricular reconstruction should preferably be considered in an early stage if patients develop symptoms of heart failure (dit proefschrift)
5. It is imperative that before you tell the truth to a patient, that you are sure that you know the truth and that the patient wants to hear it
6. A successful cardiac surgeon is a man *or woman* who, when asked to identify the three best surgeons in the world, has difficulty in naming the other two
7. All arrhythmias straighten themselves in the end
8. Patients in cardiogenic shock could improve their survival by falling in love profoundly
9. All interesting heroes do have an Achilles heel
10. As genius is determined by one per cent inspiration and ninety-nine per cent perspiration, shortening the duration of cardiothoracic surgical training is highly debatable
11. Giving up is easy and true strength is determined by holding it together when everyone else would understand if you fell apart
12. When you always keep your face towards the sunshine, shadows can only fall behind you