Improving outcomes of pancreatic surgery
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The clinical significance of nationwide registry based cohort studies and baseline characteristics is underestimated – this thesis

Variations in perioperative practice have to be considered during interpretation of study results from other hospitals or regions – this thesis

Optimizing venous reconstruction techniques and perioperative care protocols of patients undergoing venous resection in pancreatic surgery is urgently needed – this thesis

Multidisciplinary efforts are needed to identify best practices and minimize unwanted practice variation among centers in patients with pancreatic cancer and suspected venous involvement – this thesis

The routine use of bile cultures during pancreatoduodenectomy and current postoperative prophylactic antibiotic treatment should be critically evaluated in a clinical trial – this thesis

A minimally invasive step-up approach for the management of a pancreatic fistula following pancreatoduodenectomy should be preferred – this thesis

There is no such thing as “one-size-fits-all” type of analgesia after pancreatoduodenectomy – this thesis

Careful patient selection and a dedicated and specialized team, including an Acute Pain Service team, are pivotal for the success of all analgesic techniques – this thesis

“De kunst van het weglaten” heeft toepassing op zowel wetenschappelijk schrijven als pancreaschirurgie. Meer is niet altijd beter. Met de juiste selectie haal je betere resultaten.

“First three rules of surgery: sleep when you can, eat when you can, and don’t mess with the pancreas” (onbekende auteur). Ondanks de progressie die reeds gemaakt is in de afgelopen 10 jaar, kunnen en moeten we de zorg voor patiënten die pancreaschirurgie ondergaan verder verbeteren.

“An expert is a man who has made all possible mistakes in a very narrow field” (Neils Bohr). Je kan het pas doorgronden als je alles een keer fout hebt gedaan.

“Voetballen is heel simpel, maar het moeilijkste wat er is, is simpel voetballen” (Johan Cruyff). Voetballen en opereren lijken op elkaar.