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1. For the sustainability of a cervical cancer screening program, it's of outmost importance to embed its set up in the existing health infrastructure. *(this thesis)*
2. To reduce the incidence of cervical cancer, screening should always be followed by treatment when indicated. In settings where the risk of loss to follow up is high, the treatment should be offered in the same session. *(this thesis)*
3. The most effective preventive HPV vaccinations are adjusted to the most prevalent HPV types in a specific area. *(this thesis)*
4. Once the infrastructure to perform cervical cancer screening with visual inspection with acetic acid has been set up, it can be changed overnight into the even higher performing screening with HPV testing when the resources would become available. *(this thesis)*
5. Over the next century, successful implementation of the WHO 90-70-90 cervical cancer elimination strategy would reduce cervical cancer mortality by almost 99% and save more than 62 million women's lives. (naar *Karen Canfell, The Lancet 2020; 395 (10224): 591-603*)
6. In the Netherlands, we should be more grateful and we should realize more often that we are very fortunate to have access to such a high standard health care system.
7. Als mannen baarmoederhalskanker hadden kunnen krijgen, dan was de ziekte allang uitgeroeid geweest. Vrouwen en hun gezinnen hebben recht op een wereld zonder baarmoederhalskanker. *(naar Lex Peters)*
8. To be a good surgeon you must have an eagle's eye, a lion's heart, and a lady's hand. (naar *JAMA 1924; 83 (20): 1590-1591*)
9. People can live with poverty, but not live without dignity and hope. (naar *Runa Khan*)
10. For me the greatest thing you'll ever learn, is just to love and be loved in return. (naar *Nat King Cole*)