Propositions pertaining to the PhD-thesis

Gender differences in presentation of disease and clinical outcome after vascular surgery

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- 1. Women have a higher 30-day mortality than men following elective open aneurysm repair and elective endovascular aneurysm repair (EVAR). (this thesis)
- 2. Following EVAR, women have higher complication rates and re-intervention rates than men; most likely due to their smaller arteries. (this thesis)
- 3. Awareness of gender differences in cardiovascular disease needs to be increased among both women themselves and among their doctors. (this thesis)
- 4. Relative criteria instead of absolute criteria are indicated for both the diagnosis and treatment of abdominal aortic aneurysms. (this thesis)
- 5. Gender-specific guidelines should be put into place for the management of abdominal aortic aneurysms. (this thesis)
- 6. Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world. (Nelson Mandela)
- 7. Until lions have their own storytellers, tales of the hunt shall always glorify the hunter. (African proverb)
- 8. If Lehman Brothers had been called Lehman Sisters, we would never have had a crisis like the present one. (Neelie Kroes)
- 9. When average is the norm, a lot of talent is lost.
- 10. The image that a successful man never works part-time and a good mother never full-time is a major reason why women are underrepresented in top jobs.
- 11. It takes a red headed woman to get a dirty job done. (Bruce Springsteen)