

Stellingen behorende bij het proefschrift:

Colorectal Cancer and Liver Metastases

Determinants of outcome

1. **The collection of high quality fresh frozen samples of colorectal cancer is feasible in a multicenter design, using basic sampling techniques.** (this thesis)
2. **The collagen-derived urine AGP peptide (AGPP(-OH)GEAGKP(-OH)GEQGV(-OH)GDLGAP(-OH)GP) can be measured reliably using mass spectrometry and may be a promising biomarker to identify colorectal liver metastases in combination with carcinoembryonic antigen.** (this thesis)
3. **A non-anatomical resection of the liver is a save technique for resection of colorectal liver metastases.** (this thesis)
4. **By using a Ficoll density gradient separation enrichment step prior to enumeration with the CellSearch System, significantly more circulating tumor cells can be detected in 30ml blood compared to 7.5ml blood in patients with colorectal liver metastases.** (this thesis)
5. **The presence of circulating tumor cells in peripheral blood samples determined by the CellSearch technique does not identify patients at risk for early disease recurrence after curative liver resection for colorectal liver metastases.** (this thesis)
6. **The description of the segmental anatomy of the liver by Claude Couinaud permitted the development of successful hepatectomies.**
(*Le Foie: Études anatomiques et chirurgicales, 1957*)
7. **Curcuma longa (tumeric) is a potential source for prevention and treatment of cancer, such as lung, liver, breast, stomach, colorectal, cervix and prostate cancer**
(Nutrients 2016, 8(8), e495)
8. **Daily consumption of dark chocolate could be an effective cardiovascular preventive strategy in patients with metabolic disease** (BMJ 2012;344: e3657)
9. **The extent, speed, and effect of population aging have been exaggerated because of the use of the standard indicator; “the old age dependency ratio”. Calculations using the “real elderly dependency ratio show that the population has in fact been getting younger, with increasing numbers of people in work for every older person or child.** (BMJ 2013;347: f6598)
10. **“The use of solar energy has not been opened up because the oil industry does not own the sun”**
(Ralph Nader, American political activist, author, lecturer, and attorney)
11. **“A strong intuition is much more powerful than a weak test”**
(Siddhartha Mukherjee, *The Laws of Medicine: Field Notes from an Uncertain Science*)

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