

Stellingen behorende bij het proefschrift:

THE IMPACT OF LOW SKELETAL MUSCLE MASS IN ABDOMINAL SURGERY

1. Skeletal muscle mass and density can reliably be measured on computed tomography using various software programs, but measurements should preferably be performed on images of the same contrast-enhancement phase. (this thesis)
2. Preoperative low skeletal muscle mass is associated with impaired postoperative outcome. (this thesis)
3. Although low skeletal muscle mass is a risk factor for waiting list mortality in liver transplant candidates, it does not add any prognostic value to the current donor organ allocation system based on the MELD score. (this thesis)
4. The increased hospital costs in patients with low skeletal muscle mass justify the efforts and the use of resources to explore treatments reducing skeletal muscle wasting in patients with cancer of the alimentary tract and end-stage liver disease. (this thesis)
5. Skeletal muscle mass is a factor that may be used for case-mix adjustment for comparing treatment outcomes. (this thesis)
6. Computed tomography images may reveal otherwise occult muscle depletion. (Martin *et al.* J Clin Oncol 2013)
7. An unreasonable yet widespread practice is the labeling of all randomized trials as either positive or negative on the basis of whether the p-value for the primary outcome is less than 0.05. This view is overly simplistic. (Drazen *et al.* N Engl J Med 2016)
8. Unsolicited and unwanted (spam) electronic invitations to speak at or attend conferences, or to write for or edit journals are a burgeoning aspect of academic life. Colleagues regard such invitations with wry amusement, intense frustration, or resignation. (Grey *et al.* BMJ 2016)
9. Als uitgever hoef je de vervaardigers, controleurs en (de meeste) redactieleden van wetenschappelijke artikelen niks te betalen en uiteindelijk kun je het hele product - grotendeels gemaakt door mensen in overheidsdienst - voor een hoge prijs weer terug verkopen aan diezelfde overheid. (Jesse Frederik, De Correspondent, 2014)
10. History is something that very few people have been doing while everyone else was ploughing fields and carrying water buckets. (Yuval Noah Harari, in 'Sapiens: A Brief History of Humankind', 2011)
11. Only those who will risk going too far can possibly find out how far one can go. (T.S. Elliot, 1888-1965)

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