

Stellingen behorend bij het proefschrift

A new era in advanced heart failure therapy. Left Ventricular Assist Device.

1. The EUROMACS-RHF risk score outperforms currently known risk scores for right heart failure and can be useful for tailored risk-based clinical assessment and management of patients with advanced heart failure evaluated for left ventricular assist device (LVAD) therapy. (this thesis)
2. The longer a patient is supported with an LVAD the more suspicious clinicians should be for mechanical device failure. (this thesis)
3. Acute kidney injury following LVAD implantation is largely the consequence of the deteriorating condition of the LVAD recipient prior to LVAD implantation. (this thesis)
4. The impact of co-morbidities is more severe in older patients, and additional effort should be made to optimize their condition prior to LVAD implantation. (this thesis)
5. Nearly all LVAD patients suffer from the acquired von Willebrand syndrome. However, a definite association with bleeding events has yet to be determined. (this thesis)
6. The right ventricle remains the Achilles heel of LVAD therapy.
7. The “destination” should be clear for destination therapy LVAD patients.
8. Psychological assessment prior to LVAD implantation and psychological support post implantation are needed to ensure optimal quality of life during LVAD support.
9. The question is not if the left ventricular assist device is going to fail, but when.
10. Family is not an important thing. It's everything. (Michael J. Fox)
11. I am the wisest man alive, for I know one thing, and that is that I know nothing. (Plato)