PROPOSITIONS

1. Evidence about interventions on patient safety is scarce and originates mainly in developed high-income countries. (This thesis)

2. Culture assessment tools of safety climate need to be adjusted to regional and local levels to meet minimum psychometric criteria. (This thesis)

3. During central venous catheterization, mechanical complications increase with the number of attempts performed. In this procedure, ultrasound guidance is not commonly used by Colombian anesthesiologists. (This thesis)

4. In patients with an incomplete miscarriage undergoing surgical evacuation, there is not a unique anesthetic technique to select. Availability, effectiveness, safety issues, costs and mainly woman's preferences should be taken into account. (This thesis)

5. The use of a wedge to produce an uterus displacement is not effective in reducing the incidence of hypotension during spinal anesthesia for cesarean section. The risk of hypotension remains substantial. (This thesis)

6. An incident is just the tip of the iceberg, a sign of a much larger problem below the surface. (Don Brown)

7. It is not the strongest of the species that survives, nor the most intelligent, but the one most responsive to change. (Charles Darwin)

8. The mind is like a parachute… It only works if we keep it open. (Albert Einstein)

9. Teachers open the door, but you must enter by yourself. (Chinese proverb)

10. Absence of evidence is not evidence of absence. (unknown)

11. It is not true that people stop pursuing dreams because they grow old, they grow old because they stop pursuing dreams. (Gabriel Garcia Marquez)