

Stellingen behorend bij het proefschrift

Improving treatment accuracy and reducing side effects of breast conserving therapy

1. Following the ALARA principle, it is recommended to avoid using radioactive seed localization, when a magnetic alternative like MaMaLoc is available. (this thesis)
2. Although it's a very old recipe, using silver wound dressings can be a cheap tool in the prevention of surgical site infections, thereby improving patient satisfaction in breast cancer surgery. (this thesis)
3. A little piece of plastic taped on the breast is a simple tool, that enables to act quickly in preventing skin toxicity of breast brachytherapy. (this thesis)
4. Clips do not work, and surgeons may soon use a radiopaque hydrogel to make sure radiation oncologists do not miss the target following breast conserving surgery. (this thesis)
5. In evaluating patient reported outcome measures, it is critical to have them available in the patient's native language. (this thesis)
6. Clinical trials that aim to reduce treatment burden are highly appreciated by patients and accrual rates are very fast.
7. For early stage breast cancer the role of radiotherapy is cosmetic.
8. After 28 years, the evidence for the partial breast irradiation (APBI) concept of Wyman A. Bethune has finally matured to let APBI become the standard treatment of low-risk breast cancer patients.
9. Kankertherapie heeft wel wat weg van een hond met een stok slaan om van zijn vlooiën af te komen. – Anna Deavere Smith, *Let Me Down Easy uit: De Keizer aller Ziektes, een Biografie van Kanker*
10. Als je het niet simpel kunt uitleggen, dan begrijp je het niet goed genoeg. – Albert Einstein
11. Roger Federer is de beste tennisser aller tijden.