Initiation of renal replacement therapy with peritoneal dialysis is associated with a lower mortality compared with hemodialysis (this thesis).

The lower quality of life associated with renal dialysis compared with renal transplantation can be partly explained by a difference in patient characteristics (this thesis).

An increase in the number of pre-emptive renal transplantations would result in a large increase in the average life-expectancy of patients on renal replacement therapy (this thesis).

For the imaging of the renal anatomy of a potential living renal donor, a strategy consisting of both magnetic resonance imaging and computed tomography angiography constitutes the most cost-effective approach (this thesis).

The use of propensity scores for adjustment for confounding is not useful when effect modification is present (this thesis).

Medical decision making is not the toss of a coin but the intelligent sifting for good information to make informed decisions (N Engl J Med 1997;337(11):787-789).

The remarkable rise in organ transplantations in the past year justifies drastic measures such as "The Big Donor Show" to increase public awareness of organ donation.

To choose doubt as a philosophy of life is akin to choosing immobility as a means of transportation (Yann Martel, Life of Pi, 2001).

....and, believe me, if I were again beginning my studies I would follow the advice of Plato and start with mathematics (Galileo).

Completing a PhD project requires balancing interpersonal communication and voluntary seclusion.

Whoever said "nothing is impossible" obviously never tried to nail jelly to a tree (Anonymous).