

Stellingen horende bij dit proefschrift:
‘‘International Benchmarking in Cardio-thoracic Surgery’’

1. The availability of studies that demonstrate the relation between the use of registries and quality improvement in the cardio-thoracic domain is very limited. (this thesis)
2. Registries have improved healthcare processes and outcomes. (this thesis)
3. Registries do not measure the contribution of different involved professionals. (this thesis)
4. To obtain meaningful data output, data quality needs to be ensured, both in consistency and completeness. (this thesis)
5. The ability to specify the different factors contributing to the outcomes of mechanical circulatory support in patients as registered in EUROMACS enables pediatric medical professionals to benchmark their data against the registry. (this thesis)
6. The main purpose of banking human materials for transplantation is to satisfy the clinical demand for these materials.
7. Decellularisation and tissue engineering of both heart valves and vessels may result in grafts with a better recipient compatibility and extended survival.
8. What is not defined, cannot be measured. What is not measured, cannot be improved. What is not improved, always deteriorates.
9. You can't go back and change the beginning, but you can start where you are and change the ending. (C.S. Lewis)
10. The most dangerous phrase in the language is ‘‘We've always done it this way’’. (G.M. Hopper)
11. If I'm something, I'm a European. (Freely rendered from Louis Couperus)
12. De vele mogelijkheden om organen en weefsels te doneren en te tranplanteren geeft aanleiding om het Franse gezegde ‘‘Partir c'est mourir un peu’’ te veranderen in ‘‘Mourir c'est partir un peu’’.