

**Propositions belonging to the thesis**

**Implementation of primary hrHPV-based  
cervical cancer screening in the Netherlands:  
Changes and challenges across the screening process**

- 1) The implementation of hrHPV screening in the Netherlands has led to an increase in the detection of CIN 2+ lesions with a corresponding increase in unnecessary referrals. (this thesis)
- 2) The decline in participation in the Dutch cervical cancer screening programme since the introduction of HPV screening is at least partly due to removal of self-inviting GPs from the programme. (this thesis)
- 3) Implementing hrHPV genotyping will reduce unnecessary referrals without requiring major changes to the current programme infrastructure. (this thesis)
- 4) Both under- and overtreatment of CIN lesions occurred following referral from the old Dutch cervical cancer screening programme, despite clinical guidelines being available. (this thesis)
- 5) Knowing that a screening test is HPV positive may influence the cytological rating of the slide. (this thesis)
- 6) Plain packaging legislation delivers a double blow to the profits of the tobacco industry by reducing overall sales and increasing price sensitivity. (Australian Department of Health, 2016 and Bonfrer, et al, *Marketing Science*, 2020)
- 7) Skin cancer prevention is as simple as 'slip, slop, slap, seek and slide!'. (Tabbakh et al, *PLoS Medicine*, 2019)
- 8) Healthy ageing starts with a positive attitude. (Levy and Myers, *Preventive Medicine*, 2004)
- 9) "Poverty is a national waste as well as individual waste. We are all diminished when any of us are denied a proper education." (Edward Gough Whitlam AC QC, 21<sup>st</sup> Prime Minister of Australia, 1969).
- 10) "The most careful scientists, and the best science journalists, realise that all science is provisional. There will always be things that we haven't figured out yet, and even some that we get wrong." (Gary Marcus, *The New Yorker*, 2013)
- 11) "And I knew exactly what to do. But in a much more real sense, I had no idea what to do." (Michael Scott, *The Office*, ep. "Stress Relief", 2009)

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