

# Long-term Follow-up After Esophageal Atresia Repair

## Gastrointestinal morbidity in children and adults

- 1 The high percentage of misclassified reflux events in automated analysis of pH-MII measurements in esophageal atresia patients makes automated analyses without manual revision not recommendable. (this thesis)
- 2 In esophageal atresia patients physical growth is compromised during the first 5 years of life for weight and for the first 8 years of life for height, and normalizes in most children at the age of 12 years. (this thesis)
- 3 Fundoplication surgery is a risk factor for both growth impairment and Barrett's esophagus in esophageal atresia patients. (this thesis)
- 4 Isolated esophageal atresia, anastomotic leakage and an early anastomotic stricture ( $\leq 28$  days after esophageal atresia repair) are associated with refractory anastomotic stricture formation in esophageal atresia patients. (this thesis)
- 5 Transition of adolescents with esophageal atresia from pediatric care to a dedicated adult Gastroenterology department is recommended to receive life-long endoscopic follow-up and to facilitate early detection of relevant esophageal lesions. (this thesis)
- 6 Having a child with a congenital anomaly has an impact on the whole family.
- 7 No country alone has the knowledge and capacity to treat all rare and complex diseases. (European Reference Networks)
- 8 Whenever a doctor cannot do good, he must be kept from doing harm. (Hippocrates, 460-377 BC)
- 9 Prevention is better than cure. (Desiderius Erasmus, 1466-1536)
- 10 Happiness is the only thing that multiplies when you share it. (Albert Schweitzer, 1875-1965)
- 11 There's a crack in everything. That's how the light gets in. (Leonard Cohen, 1992)