Stellingen

behorende bij het proefschrift

MULTI-SLICE COMPUTED TOMOGRAPHY OF CORONARY ARTERIES

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- 1. Optimisation of ECG pulsing can reduce radiation exposure to the patient, in particular in low and high heart rates with preservation of image quality (this thesis).
- 2. Clinical competence in the interpretation of coronary CT angiography must be acquired through adequate training (this thesis).
- 3. Diagnostic performance of coronary CT angiography varies among scanners of different generations. Earlier-generation scanners had significantly poorer performance (this thesis).
- 4. In conjunction with calcification morphology, anatomical location, patient's symptoms and risk factors, multi-slice CT 'segmental calcium score' can help predict the presence of coronary artery stenosis (this thesis).
- 5. In patients with coronary stents, stent diameter is more important than stent configuration and patient's heart rate in influencing the diagnostic performance of coronary CT angiography (this thesis).
- 6. Science is always wrong. It never solves a problem without creating ten more (George Bernard Shaw)
- 7. Performing a diagnostic test is seldom without risk. Even if the procedure itself has no associated risks, false positive and false negative test results are associated with risks (Myriam Hunink).
- 8. You treat what you see, and you see what you know
- 9. A good picture is equivalent to a good deed (Vincent van Gogh)
- 10. Italy is a nation at ease with the distance between ideal and real. They are beyond what the British call hypocrisy; quite simply they do not register the contradiction between belief and behaviour (Tim Parks).
- 11. Espresso is ok at any time. Cappuccino is strictly an a.m. affair.