Stellingen

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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.