

Propositions related to the thesis entitled

The potential of a novel cell therapy delivery implant in multiple sclerosis: an early health technology assessment

1. Understanding the treatment needs and preferences of persons with MS are essential to improve treatment decision-making and reduce non-adherence. *(this dissertation)*
2. Early patient engagement in the design process of medical devices is crucial for medical technology to be successful. *(this dissertation)*
3. Consistent use of the same instruments in clinical trials and observational studies improves cross-country comparability of health-related quality of life. *(this dissertation)*
4. Persons with MS are willing to trade-off risk of relapse and disease progression for receiving treatment via an implant. *(this dissertation)*
5. An implantable mode of therapeutic protein administration will become a new mode of treatment administration for MS patients. *(this dissertation)*
6. Education is fundamental to the development of children and adults.
7. Although researchers try to imitate the real-world, it remains an imitation.
8. Look and talk to the patient rather than looking at the results of surveys to deduce the status of the patient.
9. “The body is the fabric into which all objects are woven” Merleau-Ponty (1962).
10. “Uncertainty prevails alongside illness” (Etkind 2017)
11. “A smile starts on the lips, a grin spreads to the eyes, a chuckle comes from the belly; but a good laugh bursts from the soul, overflows, and bubbles all around” Carolyn Birmingham