

Statements belonging to the thesis “Treatment and Prevention of Acute Respiratory Failure: Experimental Studies”

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1. Mechanical ventilation during acute respiratory failure should achieve and maintain alveolar expansion during the whole respiratory cycle (this thesis).
2. High frequency oscillatory ventilation is not superior to conventional mechanical ventilation if lungs are kept expanded independently of the mode of ventilation (this thesis).
3. Optimization of alveolar expansion with mechanical ventilation markedly improves oxygenation but does not influence alveolar stability as long as the underlying cause .i.e. surfactant deficiency is not reversed (this thesis).
4. Exogenous surfactant therapy prevents acute respiratory failure due to mechanical ventilation (this thesis).
5. Partial liquid ventilation is an alternative technique for treating acute respiratory failure.
6. The obvious has more than one hundred exceptions.

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7. Doctors should at least once have the experience of being a patient.
8. Every culture deserves the medicine that it practices.
9. It takes longer than you think, even when you think- it's going to take longer than I think- it always takes longer than you think.
Preferred phrase used by Laraine Visser
10. Use of the phrase “...in principle it's almost finished!” should be forbidden in a scientific institute.
11. Nederlands is niet gemakkelijk.

