Stellingen behorende bij het proefschrift:

Intestinal Crises in the Newborn

Loss of Intestinal Absorptive Capacity after Necrotizing Enterocolitis

1. Sidestream darkfield imaging is a new biomarker to evaluate the viability of intestinal tissues in infants with necrotizing enterocolitis or other gastrointestinal disorders requiring surgery. (this thesis)

2. Early ostomy closure is not hampered by more adhesions at the time of ostomy closure nor increased post-operative complications. (this thesis)

3. The search for the optimal amino acid solution in pediatric parenteral nutrition should not only be guided by the physiological body amino acid composition, but also by functional protein requirements. (this thesis)

4. Intestinal length should be expressed as a percentage of expected length according to body height instead of an absolute number. (this thesis)

5. The referral criterion ‘persistent hyperbilirubinemia’ for pediatric intestinal transplantation should be better defined by adding a time and value limit. (this thesis)


7. Children treated for appendicitis at a general hospital have a higher risk of complications and readmission compared to children who have been treated in a pediatric hospital. (Collins HL, et al. J Pediatr Surg 2010;45:300-302)

8. Women considering a surgical career should be encouraged by the fact that most female surgeons would choose their profession again. (Troppmann KM, et al. Arch Surg 2009;144:635-642)

9. Pediatric surgery as a specialty is based on profound knowledge of disturbed embryology and developmental biology.

10. Surgical residents should have access to a dietitian and massage therapist.

11. Laughter is the medicine of life. (Madelaine Bamford)

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