

## Stellingen

Behorende bij het proefschrift

# Clinical features of noncompaction cardiomyopathy

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1. Abnormal embryogenesis of coronary arteries resulting in multiple coronary artery fistulae, results in persistence of embryogenic spongy myocardium, mimicking noncompaction cardiomyopathy. This provides a hypothesis for the pathogenesis of noncompaction cardiomyopathy. (This thesis)
2. Early repolarization is a major risk factor for malignant ventricular arrhythmias in patients with noncompaction cardiomyopathy. (This thesis)
3. For appropriate risk stratification of sudden cardiac death in noncompaction cardiomyopathy patients, we urgently need a prospective international registry. (This thesis)
4. Rigid body rotation of the left ventricle is an objective, reproducible *functional* criterion for the diagnosis of noncompaction cardiomyopathy. (This thesis)
5. Left ventricular dysfunction in noncompaction cardiomyopathy is a *global* problem, not related to the extent and severity of noncompaction. (This thesis)
6. Ethnicity-specific screening guidelines are needed to avoid false positive ECG findings among black athletes, which are screened for high-risk features of sudden cardiac death. (Nabeel Sheikh, ACC Scientific Sessions 2012).
7. Daylight saving time risk of AMI could be lowered by temporarily starting work one hour later in the first two weeks after spring clock adjustment. (I. Janszky, in Sleep Medicine, free interpretation).
8. Voluntary, safe and affordable circumcision services should be integrated with other HIV preventive interventions, because circumcision significantly reduces the risk of HIV acquisition in young males. (R.C. Bailey in Lancet)
9. Tuberculosis is a disease of poverty, therefore social protection interventions, including provision of food assistance, is essential for worldwide tuberculosis control. (P. Das in Lancet)
10. It is astonishing that the Dutch Government attempts to mimic the American health care organization, while the American Government tries to mimic the Dutch health care organization.
11. De huidige Griekse tragedie maakt duidelijk dat het goed is dat Turkije vooralsnog niet in de Europese Unie deelneemt.