Propositions pertaining to the PhD-thesis

Gender differences in presentation of disease and clinical outcome after vascular surgery

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1. Women have a higher 30-day mortality than men following elective open aneurysm repair and elective endovascular aneurysm repair (EVAR). (this thesis)

2. Following EVAR, women have higher complication rates and re-intervention rates than men; most likely due to their smaller arteries. (this thesis)

3. Awareness of gender differences in cardiovascular disease needs to be increased among both women themselves and among their doctors. (this thesis)

4. Relative criteria instead of absolute criteria are indicated for both the diagnosis and treatment of abdominal aortic aneurysms. (this thesis)

5. Gender-specific guidelines should be put into place for the management of abdominal aortic aneurysms. (this thesis)

6. Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world. (Nelson Mandela)

7. Until lions have their own storytellers, tales of the hunt shall always glorify the hunter. (African proverb)

8. If Lehman Brothers had been called Lehman Sisters, we would never have had a crisis like the present one. (Neelie Kroes)

9. When average is the norm, a lot of talent is lost.

10. The image that a successful man never works part-time and a good mother never full-time is a major reason why women are underrepresented in top jobs.

11. It takes a red headed woman to get a dirty job done. (Bruce Springsteen)