Stellingen behorend bij het proefschrift

**Distributed PBL in low resources setting**

The design and evaluation of a problem-based, web-based curriculum for training family doctors in Brazil

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1. Family health professionals from a low resources setting such as the State of Ceará, Brazil, have positive perceptions and attitudes toward a distant educational approach. (Chapter 4)

2. From the perspectives of the family health professionals, distance education (DE) is an acceptable educational strategy to train them. (Chapter 4)

3. Family health doctors appreciate a distributed Problem Based Learning (dPBL) course on clinical approach of the elderly with dementia that was developed for them. (Chapter 5)

4. A constructivist, competence-based, problem-based, web-based curriculum for training family doctors effective to achieve its purposes in terms of enhancement of medical knowledge and diagnostic skills. (Chapter 6)

5. Distributed Problem Based Learning is a favourable, feasible, enjoyable and effective educational approach that can be used in distant educational programmes. (Chapter 5 and Chapter 6)

6. The frequent use of crosswords can reduce the risk of developing Alzheimer’s disease.

7. Health education programmes to combat Dengue associated with actions to control Aedes aegypti have positive effects in reducing the incidence of Dengue in large urban areas.

8. Continuing education programmes based on a series of short courses, such as those currently held in Brazil, are not able to change the practice of family health professionals.

9. Although about 40 medical schools in Brazil use PBL and most of them state in their curricula that they aim to train general practitioners, few graduates are choosing Family Medicine as medical specialty.

10. The high investments in soccer stadiums and infrastructure will not have the expected impact on improving the quality of life of the host cities of the FIFA World Cup in 2014 in Brazil.

11. The incidence of heart attack will increase during the FIFA World Cup in 2014, especially in Brazil and in the Netherlands.