

STELLINGEN

behorende bij het proefschrift van H. Suryapranata

1. Randomized studies comparing coronary angioplasty with either pharmacologic therapy or coronary bypass surgery have yet to be reported. Nevertheless, the technique has become a major therapeutic alternative for myocardial revascularization.
2. To demonstrate any real benefit of a therapeutic intervention on left ventricular performance, quantitative analysis of regional left ventricular wall motion must be performed (this thesis).
3. No advance in the field of angioplasty has changed the basic premise that coronary angioplasty should only be performed in units that have cardiac surgery back-up.
4. Coronary angioplasty is an effective treatment in patients with unstable angina with a high initial success rate but with an increased risk of major procedure-related complications (this thesis).
5. Patients with a non-Q wave myocardial infarction are left with an area of myocardium at risk which benefits from revascularization of the relevant coronary artery (this thesis).
6. Recurrence of symptoms after successful coronary angioplasty most often indicates recurrent stenosis and this is an indication for repeat angioplasty.
7. Increasing operator experience and improvement of catheter design has led to more liberal use of angioplasty in patients with multiple vessel disease. Concern about recurrent stenosis, although appropriate, should not dampen enthusiasm.
8. The largest component of treatment delay following acute myocardial infarction is patient delay. Better education of the public will help to solve this problem.
9. Stop it at the start; it is too late for medicine to be prepared when disease has grown strong through long delays (*Principiis obsta; sero medicina paratur cum mala per longas convaluere moras. Ovid 43 B.C.-A.D 17*).
10. An incompetent cardiac surgeon alone is not yet an indication for balloon valvuloplasty, nor is an ambitious skilful invasive cardiologist (BJ Messmer Eur Heart J 1987).
11. In science the credit goes to the man who convinces the world, not to the man to whom the idea first occurs (Sir Francis Darwin, *Eugenic Review* 1914).
12. To the non-drinker the price of wine is irrelevant.
13. Non-physicians simply do not have the information necessary to make rational decisions about medical care.
14. A Chinese, born in Indonesia with Belgian nationality and living in Holland, is entitled to an identity crisis.

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