

Stellingen / Propositions

1. The performance of PCI on angiographically non-significant stenoses is inappropriate because relatively high short-term event rates outweigh any hypothetical long-term benefit that might be derived from this type of intervention (This thesis).
2. The equivalent rates of death, stroke, or non-fatal MI after multivessel stenting and bypass surgery amongst subjects with mild chronic renal failure should reassure clinicians that multivessel stenting is an acceptable and less invasive alternative to surgery, albeit at the expense of increased repeat revascularization procedures (This thesis).
3. Mild renal impairment significantly increases the incidence of coronary adverse atherosclerotic events after a first successful percutaneous coronary intervention, and this effect is virtually abolished by long term treatment with fluvastatin (This thesis).
4. The results obtained with drug eluting stents, although based on a small number of patients, are extremely encouraging and should pave the way for randomized clinical trials of drug eluting stents for the treatment of in-stent restenosis (This thesis).
5. The observed gap between bypass surgery and percutaneous coronary intervention in terms of major adverse cardiac and cerebral events at one-year, has narrowed from 32% reported in the pre-stent era to 11% in the present report, representing the stent era (This thesis).
6. Prediction is very difficult, especially about the future. Niels Bohr
7. Coronary atherosclerosis is a treacherous disease. Rene G. Falavero, M.D.
8. Cardiology is a life-long learning process. If you get tired of learning, you will soon become dangerously outdated. Michel E. Bertrand, M.D.
9. La vida no es la que uno vivio, sino la que uno recuerda y como la recuerda para contarla (Life is not what one lived but the one that one remembers and how it is remembered to tell it). Gabriel Garcia Marquez
10. Hay que tener el valor de las ideas y el coraje de defenderlas. Es importantísimo (It is fundamental to appreciate the value of important ideas but more so is to have the courage to defend them). Rodolfo Llinas, M.D., Ph.D