

Propositions accompanying this thesis

Novel Percutaneous Therapies for Complex Coronary Atherosclerosis

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1. A new treatment approach is emerging for the diabetic patient, aimed at targeting the multiple inflammatory and metabolic pathways that lead to the progression of atherosclerosis.

This thesis, chapter 1.

2. The marked reduction in the need for subsequent revascularization, following drug-eluting stent implantation, may shift the focus from restenosis towards the long-term prevention of progression of atherosclerosis.

This thesis, chapter 2.

3. It is time to reevaluate the dogma, based on the historical results comparing angioplasty versus bypass surgery reported in the 1980s and 1990s, that patients with multivessel disease are generally considered as candidates for surgery.

This thesis, chapter 10.

4. Drug-eluting stent implantation may be an appropriate treatment for selected non-obstructive unstable plaques in order to prevent future events.

This thesis, chapter 12

5. Reappraisal of the current indications for percutaneous treatment of mild coronary lesions may be required if future technology allows improved risk stratification.

This thesis chapter 13

6. In conclusion, I am not worried by the ephemeral nature of the cost and I envision the use of eluting-stents for all in the near future.

Patrick W Serruys

7. Obstacles are those frightful things you see when you take your eyes off the goal.

Henry Ford I

8. A peculiar thing in medicine is that we never believe anything unless it can be demonstrated in animals.

John A. Schindler, M.D.

9. This rush toward what some have termed the 'commercialization' of medicine and others have called the 'industrialization' of medicine has bewildered physicians, perhaps because we have instinctively sensed that although there have always been some business aspects to medical practice, medicine, in the most fundamental sense, is not a business."

From "The Medical Practice in the Competitive Market" in the New England Journal of Medicine, 2/5/87

10. The education of the doctor, which goes on after he has his degree, is, after all, the most important part of his education.

John Shaw Billings

11. The only true wisdom is in knowing you know nothing.

Socrates