STELLINGEN

behorend bij het proefschrift

'Treatment of Pelvic Ring Fractures with Pelvic Circumferential Compression Devices'

- Preliminary pelvic stabilization should occur immediately during initial evaluation and resuscitation, if not already performed in the pre-hospital phase. (This thesis)
- **2.** PCCDs have improved the primary emergency management and control of hemorrhage in acute stabilization of pelvic ring injuries. (*This thesis*)
- **3.** Prolonged pelvic immobilization with PCCDs should be limited and early transfer from the spine board is of key importance to reduce the risk of developing pressure sores. (*This thesis*)
- **4.** PCCDs achieve reduction in diastasis in unstable pelvic fractures without significant adverse displacement or over-reduction. (*This thesis*)
- 5. Patients with evidence of pelvic or acetabular injuries, or a mechanism of injury consistent with such a potential serious injury must be transported to a level 1 trauma center without any further delay. (*This thesis*)
- **6.** Het inkorten van de opleiding tot traumachirurg volgens plan SCHERP komt niet ten goede aan de behandeling van traumapatiënten met penetrerend letsel.
- 7. Traumachirurgen zouden een vuist moeten maken voor handchirurgie.
- **8.** There is no such thing as an "immediate" angiography.
- **9.** The positive predictive value of the 'John Thomas Sign' (inclination of the penis towards the hip or pelvic fracture) is potentially biased by a change of gravity in the Southern hemisphere.
- **10.** The incision must be as long as necessary and as short as possible. *(Theodor Kocher)*
- **11.** The operation is over when the patient is eating a cheeseburger and can't remember your name. (*Leo A. Gordon*)