Propositions

belonging to the thesis

Biomarkers of infection
and its complications in the critically ill

1 CRP predicts local microbial infections, while high procalcitonin is an early indicator of blood stream infection, septic shock, and mortality. (this thesis)

2 In febrile critically ill, procalcitonin rather than C-reactive protein can be used to decide on safe discontinuation of antibiotics. (this thesis)

3 Low procalcitonin levels can be used to rule out bacteraemia in hospitalised patients suspected of having sepsis, regardless of their clinical symptoms or disease severity. (this thesis)

4 Angiopoietin-2, a protein originating from the vessel wall, predicts late onset ARDS severity and is associated with adverse outcome in febrile critically ill. (this thesis)

5 Finding a clinically useful biomarker for ARDS is hampered by poor definition of the syndrome. (this thesis)

6 Biomarkers will make a bad doctor worse, and a good doctor better. (Alan Maisel, Cardiac Biomarkers: Expert Advice for Clinicians)

7 It's unwise to pay too much, but it's unwise to pay too little. When you pay too much you lose a little money. When you pay too little you sometimes lose everything, because the thing you bought was incapable of doing the thing you bought it to do. (John Rushkin)

8 The authority of those who teach is often an obstacle to those who want to learn. (Marcus Tullius Cicero)

9 Life is fifty shades of grey, and red, and yellow, and blue. (SHH)

10 Geneeskunde gaat over standaarden en richtlijnen, geneeskunst gaat over ervaring en inzicht. (SHH)

11 Wijsheid komt met de jaren, eigenwijsheid word je mee geboren. (unknown)

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