

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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