## Stellingen

## Triphalangeal thumb; three is a crowd

- 1. The position of the growth plate of the first metacarpal in the triphalangeal thumb is more 'finger' like. (this thesis)
- 2. The first metacarpal is longer compared to a normal population in all types of triphalangeal thumb. (this thesis)
- 3. Strength of the intrinsic musculature of the thumb is diminished in all types of triphalangeal thumb. (this thesis)
- 4. Results of removal of the extra phalanx in delta type triphalangeal thumb are comparable to reduction osteotomy with arthrodesis. (this thesis)
- 5. While adults with non-operated triphalangeal thumbs rate their function as good, appearance is rated much lower. (this thesis)
- 6. In the absence of any other proof, the thumb alone would convince me of God's existence. *Sir Isaac Newton*
- $7. \quad \text{The fingers must be educated, the thumb is born knowing.} \textit{Marc Chagall}$
- 8. Een open hand is beter voor vooruitgang dan een gesloten vuist
- 9. Het al oude adagium "cut as you go" kan in de congenitale handchirurgie en waarschijnlijk de gehele plastische chirurgie beter vervangen worden door "reconstruct as you go".
- 10. Emotion is contagious. *Malcolm Gladwell*
- 11. There are two rules for success: 1. Never tell everything you know. *Roger H. Lincoln*