Stimulation of the Dorsal Root Ganglion for the Treatment of Chronic Pain

1) Stimulation of the dorsal root ganglion (DRG) can provide good pain relief, while avoiding unwanted side-effects. (this thesis)

2) Neuropathic pain is characterized by aberrant hyperactivity in DRGs and as such, the DRG is an attractive target for novel pain relief interventions. (this thesis)

3) Stimulation of the DRG is highly suited for the treatment of pain in focal and/or challenging locations, including the foot, knee, breast, and the groin. (this thesis)

4) Improvements in ratings of pain, mood, and quality of life with DRG stimulation have been demonstrated following 12 months of therapy. (this thesis)

5) DRG stimulation provides consistent intensities of paresthesias in different body positions, demonstrating a clinically-important lack of positional effects. (this thesis)

6) There is nothing wrong with change if it is in the right direction. (Winston Churchill)

7) The art of medicine consists in amusing the patient while nature cures the disease. (Voltaire)

8) Let food be thy medicine and medicine be thy food. (Hippocrates)

9) The pessimist complains about the wind. The optimist expects it to change. The leader adjusts the sails. (John Maxwell)

10) I mean some doctor told me I had six months to live and I went to their funeral. (Keith Richards)

11) Klagers hebben geen nood.

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