

Propositions pertaining to the thesis

Radial Polydactyly: Double or nothing?

1. The Wassel and Rotterdam classification systems are equally reliable, but the Rotterdam classification accommodates the entire radial polydactyly spectrum (*this thesis*)
2. The weighted Rotterdam score for outcome assessment after correction of radial polydactyly is the assessment system of choice (*this thesis*)
3. Primary correction of all patho-anatomical deformities by a surgeon specialized in congenital hand anomalies is key to achieving good overall outcome in radial polydactyly (*this thesis*)
4. The Bilhaut procedure for correction of radial polydactyly is to be avoided, save for cases with severe hypoplasia of both thumbs (*this thesis*)
5. It is unknown whether surgical correction of radial polydactyly improves outcome, but patient satisfaction with outcome is related to participation and Health Related Quality of Life (*this thesis*)
6. The limited correlation between impairment and disability emphasizes the importance of factors other than pathophysiology in human illness behavior
(Farzad M, et al. Does disability correlate with impairment after hand injury? *Clin Orthop Relat Res.* 2015; 473(11): 3470 – 3476)
7. Aesthetic differences result in feelings of self-consciousness and embarrassment in 50% of adolescents and 33% of younger children (with congenital hand differences)
(Adapted from: Franzblau LE, et al. Coping with congenital hand differences. *Plast Reconstr Surg.* 2015; 135(4): 1067 – 1075)
8. Rest days do not appear to have a large impact on performance
(Brandbury JC, Forman SL. The impact of pitch counts and days of rest on performance among major-league baseball pitchers. *J Strength Cond Res.* 2012; 26(5): 1181 – 1187)
9. Anticipation has a habit to set you up for disappointment
(Arctic Monkeys – A view from the afternoon)
10. Try not to become a man of success, but rather try to become a man of value
(Albert Einstein)
11. Alone you can't achieve anything, you have to do it together
(Johan Cruijff)

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