

Anorectal malformations

A multidisciplinary approach

1. The most ideal colostomy type in anorectal malformation patients is split descending colostomy (*this thesis*)
2. Anorectal malformation patients also without a syndromal disorder are at risk for growth and motor developmental disorders (*this thesis*)
3. Despite normal intelligence, approximately half of anorectal malformation patients require special education or remedial teaching (*this thesis*)
4. Sexual education in relation to the congenital anomaly is currently insufficient in anorectal malformation patients (*this thesis*)
5. A multidisciplinary approach throughout life is essential in anorectal malformation patients to optimize growth, development and psychosocial well-being (*this thesis*)
6. A properly functioning rectum is an unappreciated gift of greatest price (*Willis J. Potts*)
7. Besides hospital volume, the manner in which the various facilities in hospitals are arranged as well as the process of care giving, particularly the effectiveness of multidisciplinary meetings, are of crucial importance to the quality of care (*Gouma et al., Ned Tijdschr Geneeskd 2012;156:A4887*)
8. The surgeon must constantly alter, amend, and combine standard techniques in the care of biologically unique clinical situations (*Geiger et al., Semin Pediatr Surg 2015;24:115-21*)
9. Nothing in life is to be feared, it is only to be understood. Now is the time to understand more, so that we may fear less (*Marie Curie*)
10. Education is not the learning of facts, but the training of the mind to think (*Albert Einstein*)
11. Always be yourself unless you can be Batman, then always be Batman (*Bill Murray*)