

Stellingen behorende bij het proefschrift

MELANOMA MATTERS

Optimizing treatment in patients with cutaneous melanoma

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1. There is an urgent need to reduce drug costs while developing better prognostic and predictive tools to identify patients who will benefit from adjuvant treatment.
This thesis
2. Immune checkpoint inhibitors have significantly improved survival outcomes in patients with melanoma, but the treatment duration is currently too long.
This thesis
3. The use of a clinicopathological and gene expression profile can reduce the number of sentinel lymph node biopsies without nodal metastasis in patients with cutaneous melanoma. *This thesis*
4. In patients with a negative sentinel node, the anti-tumor surveillance in the tumor-draining lymph node can be used as a prognostic tool. *This thesis*
5. New onset FDG uptake in uninjected locoregional lymph nodes in patients treated with T-VEC does not necessarily reflect progressive disease. *This thesis*
6. Melanoma has become the prototype tumor for immunotherapy development.
Prof. dr. A.M.M. Eggermont
7. Most patients with a solid tumor receiving chemotherapy and/or immunotherapy develop an adequate antibody response to the mRNA-1273 COVID-19 vaccine.
S.F. Oosting & A.A.M. van der Veldt et al. (Lancet Oncology, 2021)
8. De recente COVID-pandemie beweest het gelijk van *Desiderius Erasmus*:
“Ruimte scheidt de lichamen, niet de geesten.”
9. Success is the ability to go from one failure to the next without losing enthusiasm.
Winston Churchill
10. Surgeons must always tell the truth but rarely, if ever, deprive patients of all hope. It can be very difficult to find the balance between optimism and realism.
Henry Marsh (Do No Harm: Stories of Life, Death, and Brain Surgery)
11. Doe wat je het liefste doet, dan is het altijd goed.
Zuster Clivia (Ja zuster, nee zuster)