

Stellingen

1. In a neonate with an omphalocele the type of postnatal abdominal wall closure can be predicted by prenatal measurement of the abdominal disproportion ratio. (this thesis)
2. An omphalocele without liver herniation can be closed primarily after birth. (this thesis)
3. Microcystic CPAM on prenatal ultrasound often represents as lobar overinflation after birth. (this thesis)
4. Foetuses with a congenital diaphragmatic hernia show an impaired pulmonary vascular development even when corrected for lung size compared to healthy controls. (this thesis)
5. Prenatal counselling is influenced by the (medical) background of the counsellor, therefore multidisciplinary counselling by specialized medical consultants is necessary. (this thesis)
6. Health professionals should receive specific education how to bring bad news sensitively to a vulnerable population. (Lalor, Birth 2007)
7. Knowledge that transcends disciplines is necessary to understand all aspects of a condition.
8. It is far better to foresee even without certainty than not to foresee at all. (Henri Poincare, Foundations of Science, 1913)
9. Becoming a parent starts in pregnancy, not at birth.
10. Hugging is a powerful medicine. It reduces depression, anxiety and high blood pressure without side effects.
11. Life is not like water. Things in life don't necessarily flow over the shortest possible route. (Haruki Murakami, 1984)