

## STELLINGEN

1. Intramucosal carcinoma of the rectum should be treated with local excision. (*this thesis*)
2. Local excision by means of TAMIS (transanal minimally invasive surgery) is a safe procedure without compromising anorectal functioning and does not reduce QOL. (*this thesis*)
3. Accurate prediction of tumour stage in lymph node positive patients is unreliable. (*this thesis*)
4. Preservation of the rectum is possible in approximately 50% of patients with early rectal cancer after chemoradiation followed by local excision. (*this thesis*)
5. Over a third of patients treated according the liver-first protocol for rectal cancer with synchronous rectal cancer liver metastases, could have been candidates for rectum preserving therapies. (*this thesis*)
6. There is a positive correlation between the time one needs to finish a PhD and the number of people to thank and acknowledge.
7. In the end, it's not the years in your life that count. It's the life in your years. (*Abraham Lincoln*)
8. The more we choose residents, the more we get wrong. (*Alvaro Sanabria*)
9. Our greatest glory is not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall. (*Confucius*)
10. Anyone can be confident with a full head of hair. But a confident bald man - there's your diamond in the rough. (*Larry David*)
11. Het goud ligt in de anus! (*Eelco de Graaf*)