

Propositions belonging to the thesis

Optimizing Endovascular Treatment of Lower Extremity Arterial Occlusive Disease

1. The optimal endovascular treatment strategy of aorto-iliac stenosis and occlusions has yet to be assessed (this thesis)
2. Drug-eluting balloons have proven to possess anti-restenotic features in endovascular treatment of femoropopliteal arterial disease and significantly decrease the number of reinterventions (this thesis)
3. To fully assess the value of drug-eluting balloon angioplasty in the treatment of femoropopliteal arterial occlusive disease, they need to be directly compared to other novel endovascular techniques such as drug-eluting stent or covered stent angioplasty (this thesis)
4. Drug-eluting balloon angioplasty and uncoated balloon angioplasty perform equally in the treatment of stenosis in autologous bypasses at risk (this thesis)
5. Patients with critical limb ischemia without collateral blood supply benefit more from direct revascularization according to the angiosome concept, compared to patients with collaterals (this thesis)
6. Endovascular treatment of iliac aneurysm with hypogastric revascularization through side branched endografts is feasible and safe in the mid-term. When compared with hypogastric embolization, this option leads to similar technical success and reintervention rates and results in less endoleaks and buttock claudication (Verzini. J Vasc Surg 2009;49:1154-61)
7. Physicians triage patients to intensive care based on the number of beds available, the admission diagnosis, severity of disease, age, and operative status. Admitting patients to intensive care is associated with a lower mortality rate, especially in patients with APACHE scores of 11 to 20. (Sprung. Crit Care Med 1999;27:1073-9)

8. We did not domesticate wheat. It domesticated us. (Comment on agricultural revolution: Yuval Noah Harari, Sapiens: A brief history of humankind)
9. Under conditions of complexity, not only are checklists a help, they are required for success. (Atul Gawande, The Checklist Manifesto: How to Get Things Right)
10. Walking is man's best medicine (Hippocrates)
11. It does not matter how slowly you go as long as you do not stop. (Confucius)