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CLINICAL CARDIAC ELECTROPHYSIOLOGY AND HEART FAILURE: IMPACT OF ELECTRICAL DISORDERS AND THEIR TREATMENT

KLINISCHE ELEKTROFYSIOLOGIE BIJ HARTFALEN: HET BELANG VAN RITME- EN GELEIDINGSSTOORNISSEN EN HUN BEHANDELING

1- During an intermediate term follow-up, cardiac resynchronization therapy reduces overall mortality but not sudden cardiac death (this thesis).

2- Biventricular pacing can be pro-arrhythmic (this thesis).

3- Cardiac resynchronization therapy may delay disease progression in mildly or asymptomatic patients with systolic heart failure.

4- Magnetic navigation can be used to guide transvenous left ventricular lead implantation (this thesis).

5- Tailored programming of atrio-biventricular pacemakers may improve response to cardiac resynchronization therapy (this thesis).

6- If there is no data showing that maintaining sinus rhythm is beneficial for patients with heart failure, than studies were not well performed.

7- In patients with atrial fibrillation, AV junction ablation may significantly increase response to cardiac resynchronization therapy.

8- The Brugada syndrome is a primary electrical disease of the heart that may lead to cardiac transplantation (this thesis).

9- For the first time an antiarrhythmic drug has proven to be safe and effective in reducing hospitalization due to cardiovascular events and death in patients with atrial fibrillation (Athena study).

10- The best football player of all times is a good example of recuperation, ... and of reversible cardiomyopathy.

11- For a cardiology specialist it is not common to cure a patient. However, a clinical electrophysiologist often has this feeling.

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