



# STELLINGEN

behorend bij het proefschrift

## NEW DIRECTIONS IN MYOCARDIAL STRESS IMAGING

Fabiola A.M.A. Sozzi

Rotterdam, 31 oktober 2001

1. The heart is the most remarkable organ.

Pedro Brugada

2. Second harmonic imaging improves the sensitivity of dobutamine stress echocardiography for the diagnosis of coronary artery disease.

Thesis

3. Second harmonic imaging applied during dobutamine stress echocardiography increases the agreement with DISA-SPECT for detection of myocardial viability.

Thesis

4. Beta-blockers reduce the number of viable segments detected by dobutamine stress echocardiography in patients with severe left ventricular dysfunction.

Thesis

5. Diabetes mellitus is increasingly viewed as both a clinical and a public health challenge.

6. Dobutamine stress echocardiography provides incremental data for risk stratification of diabetic patients with known or suspected coronary artery disease.

Thesis

7. Dobutamine stress echocardiography and sestamibi SPECT imaging have similar sensitivity for the diagnosis of single vessel coronary artery disease.

Thesis

8. Myocardial ischemia in the dyssynergic myocardium appears to be a major mechanism underlying the occurrence of ventricular arrhythmias late after acute myocardial infarction.

Thesis

9. The accuracy of exercise myocardial perfusion scintigraphy is not reduced in hypertensive patients.

Thesis

10. False negative results of dobutamine tetrofosmin imaging occur more frequently in patients with a lower peak stress heart rate, single vessel coronary artery disease, and less severe coronary artery stenosis.

Thesis

11. Exercise-induced ventricular arrhythmias should be interpreted as a marker of a higher probability of coronary artery disease.

Thesis

- 
12. Most of us all walk around as if we are sleepwalking. We really do not experience the world fully, because we are half-asleep, doing things that automatically think we have to do.

Morrie Schwartz

13. You cannot hope to build a better world without improving the individuals. To that end, each of us must work for our own improvement and, at the same time, share a general responsibility for all humanity, our particular duty being to aid those to whom we think we can be most useful.

Marie Curie

14. Tho' much is taken, much abides; and tho'  
We are not now that strength which in old days  
Moved earth and heaven, that which we are, we are  
One equal temper of heroic hearts,  
Made weak by time and fate, but strong in will  
To strive, to seek, to find, and not to yield.

Alfred Tennyson  
"Ulysses"

15. Life is a dream; dreams fill up ones' life.