

PROPOSITIONS
Stellingen

DOBUTAMINE STRESS
ECHOCARDIOGRAPHY: BEYOND
TRADITIONAL USES

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1. Dobutamine stress echocardiography should be applied in patients with moderate or severe aortic stenosis under close surveillance, and only when the gain of the clinical information to be obtained outweighs the risk of arrhythmias.

This thesis

2. We must reconsider the notion that myocardial regions corresponding to Q waves on surface ECG indicate more severe dysfunction, when compared to dysfunctional regions without Q waves.

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3. Statins can exert a beneficial effect on flow-dependent coronary dilatation, and enhance myocardial contractile reserve in patients with peripheral arterial disease and without known heart disease.

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4. Tissue Doppler imaging in conjunction with low-dose dobutamine infusion can become a useful and inexpensive tool to differentiate between viable and non-viable myocardium, as well as between scarred, stunned and hibernating tissue in patients with ischemic cardiomyopathy.

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5. Dobutamine stress echocardiography provides incremental data on the composite of cardiac events in patients with previous coronary revascularization.

This thesis

6. Without ambition one starts nothing. Without work one finishes nothing. The prize will not be sent to you. You have to win it. The

man who knows how, will always have a job. The man who also knows why, will always be his boss. As to methods there may be a million and then some, but principles are few. The man who grasps principles can successfully select his own methods. The man who tries methods, ignoring principles, is sure to have trouble.

Ralf Waldo Emerson

7. Experience is one thing you can't get for nothing.

Oscar Wilde

8. Never regard study as a duty, but as the enviable opportunity to learn to know the liberating influence of beauty in the realm of the spirit for your own personal joy and to the profit of the community to which your later work belongs.

Albert Einstein

9. Formerly, when religion was strong and science weak, men mistook magic for medicine; now, when science is strong and religion weak, men mistake medicine for magic

Thomas Szasz

10. Don't be afraid to take a big step. You can't cross a chasm in two small jumps.

David Lloyd George

11. Regard your good name as the richest jewel you can possibly be possessed of - for credit is like fire; when once you have kindled it you may easily preserve it, but if you once extinguish it, you will find it an arduous task to rekindle it again. The way to gain a good reputation is to endeavor to be what you desire to appear.

Socrates