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## STELLINGEN

1. Relevante kennis van de MR anatomie van het rectum en mesorectum is essentieel voor radiologen, chirurgen en radiotherapeuten die betrokken zijn in de multidisciplinaire aanpak van rectumkanker.

- DIT PROEFSCHRIFT -

2. De primaire lymfklierstatus voorspelling in patiënten met rectumkanker met conventionele beeldvormende technieken blijft een probleem voor de radioloog.

- DIT PROEFSCHRIFT -

3. In een expert academisch ziekenhuis én in perifere ziekenhuizen kan USPIO MRI accuraat N0 patiënten met een tumor beperkt tot de rectumwand selecteren.

- DIT PROEFSCHRIFT -

4. De geschatte en de gemeten regio zonder USPIO contrast opname in een lymfklier zijn praktische en accurate criteria voor het voorspellen van maligne lymfklieren in patiënten met rectumkanker.

- DIT PROEFSCHRIFT -

5. In patiënten, die zijn behandeld met neoadjuvant chemo- en radiotherapie, blijven USPIO criteria superieur ten opzichte van grootte-criteria voor het voorspellen van de lymfklierstatus, hoewel de laatste wel al accuraat genoeg zijn.

- DIT PROEFSCHRIFT -

6. Het belang van het achterhalen van de mate van agressiviteit van de rectumtumor is vanzelfsprekend als de meest optimale therapie moet worden geselecteerd.

- GEORGE E. BINKLEY -

*Radiation in the treatment of rectal cancer. Ann Surg. 1929 Dec;90(6):1000-14*

7. Zien is geloven, maar eerst moet men wel weten wat men ziet voordat men het kan geloven.

- ORVILLE N. MELAND -

*The status of the roentgenologist. Cal West Med. 1928 Apr;28(4):508-9*

8. Contrast geeft het leven kleur.

- ANONIEME RADILOOG -

9. De wetenschapper is niet een persoon die de juiste antwoorden geeft, het is diegene die de juiste vragen stelt.

- CLAUDE LÉVI-STRAUSS -

10. Het doel in het leven is niet jezelf vinden; het is jezelf creëren.

- GEORGE B. SHAW -

11. Ik heb geen vriend nodig die verandert wanneer ik verander en knikt wanneer ik knik; mijn schaduw doet dat veel beter.

- PLUTARCHUS -

## PROPOSITIONS

1. Knowledge of relevant MR anatomy of the rectum and mesorectum is mandatory for radiologists, surgeons, and radiation oncologists involved in the multidisciplinary approach of rectal cancer.

- PRESENT THESIS -

2. Prediction of the primary nodal status in rectal cancer patients using conventional imaging techniques remains a problem for the radiologist.

- PRESENT THESIS -

3. USPIO MRI can accurately select patients with tumors limited to the rectal bowel wall and N0 patients in both referral and general setting.

- PRESENT THESIS -

4. Estimating and measuring the region with no USPIO contrast uptake within a lymph node are practical and accurate criteria for the prediction of malignant nodes in rectal cancer patients.

- PRESENT THESIS -

5. In patients treated with neoadjuvant chemoradiation, the USPIO MR criteria remain superior to size criteria for nodal staging, although the latter is already sufficiently accurate.

- PRESENT THESIS -

6. The importance of determining the degree of malignancy of a given rectal cancer is self-evident if the most appropriate treatment is to be adopted.

- GEORGE E. BINKLEY -

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7. Seeing is believing, but one must know what is seen before one can believe.

- ORVILLE N. MELAND -

*The status of the roentgenologist. Cal West Med. 1928 Apr;28(4):508-9*

8. Life without contrast is boring.

- ANONYMOUS RADIOLOGIST -

9. The scientist is not a person who gives the right answers; he's one who asks the right questions.

- CLAUDE LÉVI-STRAUSS -

10. Life isn't about finding yourself; it's about creating yourself.

- GEORGE B. SHAW -

11. I don't need a friend who changes when I change and who nods when I nod; my shadow does that much better.

- PLUTARCHUS -