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## **'The Compromised Gut in the Neonate - Diagnostic and Clinical Aspects'**

1. In preterm infants, both plasma and urinary I-FABP levels specifically identify NEC prior to appearance of diagnostic radiological signs suggestive for NEC. (this thesis)
2. Serial I-FABP measurements accurately predict development of complicated disease. (this thesis)
3. I-FABPu strongly correlates with I-FABPp, offering the clinician an opportunity to choose the most appropriate way of measuring I-FABP. (this thesis)
4. Calculating urinary IFABP/creatinine ratio seems redundant. (this thesis)
5. NIRS measurements in both the liver and infra-umbilical regions are safe and feasible, but their values can not be randomly substituted one for the other for the purpose of assessing splanchnic oxygenation. (this thesis)
6. In preterm infants, it may be possible to differentiate uncomplicated from complicated NEC by measuring the cerebral and splanchnic oxygenation. (this thesis)
7. In NEC patients, a fixed bowel loop on abdominal X-ray reflects disease severity and should therefore prompt surgical intervention. (this thesis)
8. Although in neonatal surgery creating an ostomy seems a valid option in certain situations, a considerable occurrence of complications and reoperations should be taken into account. (this thesis)
9. In the treatment of surgical short bowel syndrome, a well-organized multidisciplinary approach prevents the need for liver and/or small bowel transplantation and leads to intestinal autonomy in a great number of patients. (this thesis)
10. Assumption is the mother of all f#@\$-ups. (Al Sapienza, in Under Siege 2, 1995)
11. Despite my current place of work, NEC is more appealing as a medical condition than as a football club (Maarten Schurink)
12. The proof of intelligent life on other planets lies within the fact that NONE of them bothered to contact us. (unknown)
13. You measure what you care about. (Jan Gehl, Danish architect, in The Human Scale, 2012)