

Stellingen behorende bij het proefschrift:

Antiviral Therapy for Chronic HCV Infection - Virological Response and Long-Term Outcome -

1. Achievement of sustained virological response is associated with improved overall survival among patients with chronic HCV infection and advanced hepatic fibrosis.
(Based on this thesis)
2. The clinical efficacy of antiviral therapy for chronic HCV infection is higher among patients with advanced hepatic fibrosis than among patients with minimal or mild hepatic fibrosis.
(Based on this thesis)
3. Even among patients with cirrhosis as a result of chronic HCV infection the degree of hepatic fibrosis may regress following sustained virological response.
(Based on this thesis)
4. Many patients with chronic HCV infection and advanced hepatic fibrosis are prematurely included in intensive and expensive surveillance programs for hepatocellular carcinoma.
(Based on this thesis)
5. All patients with chronic HCV infection and cirrhosis who have attained sustained virological response should be followed for the development of liver failure and hepatocellular carcinoma as long as reliable tools to assess their individual prognosis are lacking.
(Based on this thesis)
6. Improving the efficacy of therapy for chronic HCV infection remains of limited value as long as we do not increase antiviral treatment uptake.
(Davis et al. Gastroenterology 2010)
7. Due to the shortage of donor livers, hepatologists envy the future possibilities of fecal transplantation for the patients of their colleagues focused on luminal diseases.
(Based on Smits et al. Gastroenterology 2013)
8. By solely practicing evidence-based medicine, doctors may withhold their patients from useful medical care.
9. Because financial incentives reduce intrinsic motivation and do not enhance performance, the exorbitant bonuses received by few are difficult to explain as long as there is poverty amongst many.
(Based on Deci et al. Psychological Bulletin 1999)
10. Believe those who are seeking the truth. Doubt those who find it.
(André Gide)
11. Hoe eerder je achterloopt, hoe meer tijd je hebt om het in te halen.
(Aelbrechtkade 156^e)

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