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Stellingen

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who's the patient? ethics in and around maternal - fetal surgery

- I. Fetal surgery is primarily, a pregnant women's health issue. (this thesis)
- II. That the fetus is or can become a patient is not self-evident. (this thesis)
- III. A pregnant woman, which is also a rights bearer, cannot be addressed by a physician in the same way a fetal patient is, especially when, in order to comply with one's moral obligation towards the fetus, one must intervene, physically, on another patient to whom we owe respect, not only as our patient but also as person and rights bearer outside the context of a hospital. (this thesis)
- IV. MFS research is not therapy. (this thesis)
- V. One should not rely on any concept of equipoise when evaluating MFS research protocols.(this thesis)
- VI. Strong patient preferences for an experimental intervention in a RCT which design does not contemplate a patient preference arm do not entail a right to have access to it, since, by definition, it represents a option of unproven safety and/or efficacy.(this thesis)
- VII. “[anyone] who does not get angry when there is reason to be angry, or does not get angry in the right way at the right time and with the right people is a dolt.”(Spelman 1989, 263)
- VIII. “When we speak we are afraid our words will not be heard or welcomed. But when we are silent, we are still afraid. So it is better to speak.” Audre Lorde
- IX. “None are more hopelessly enslaved than those who falsely believe they are free.” Johann Wolfgang von Goethe
- X. Reading philosophy after the age of 30 makes much more sense.

- XI. “In a democracy, a majority of idiots is still a majority of idiots.” (Alfredo Misarela)

- XII. “It is not certain that everything is uncertain.” Pensées # 387