

Kidney Transplantation

Extending criteria for donation and implantation

1. Implementation of DCD kidney transplantation should be advocated worldwide to enlarge the donor pool. (*this thesis*)
2. Normothermic machine perfusion is safe and feasible and could optimize suboptimal donor kidneys. (*this thesis*)
3. National guidelines to decide eligibility for kidney transplantation based on estimated life expectancy are needed to assure similar standard of care and equal access to transplantation. (*this thesis*)
4. It should be recommended to ask a second opinion from an expert team in case of relative contra-indications for kidney transplantation due to aorto-iliac vascular disease. (*this thesis*)
5. A linear mixed model should be the statistical method of choice when analyzing post-transplant renal function. (*this thesis*)
6. Translating statistical findings into succinct everyday English is a challenge to authors, journals, and readers. The phraseology cannot capture every nuance of the data, and the clinical importance of statistical results requires consideration. (*Stuart J. Pocock et al. Lancet. 2009*)
7. A presumption of consent is ethically sound and morally justified in organ retrieval for transplantation, provided information on the opt-out process is readily available in easily comprehensible formats. (*adapted from Pradeep Kumar Prabhu et al. J Intensive Care Soc. 2019*)
8. Gender gaps in funding stem from female principal investigators being evaluated less favorably than male principal investigators, not from differences in evaluations of the quality of their proposals. (*Holly O. Witteman et al. Lancet. 2019*) Therefore, blind review could lead to a more equal representation of females in academia.
9. Absence of evidence is not evidence of absence. (*Martin Rees*)
10. The main source of illness in this world is the doctor's own illness: his compulsion to try to cure and his fraudulent belief that he can. (*Samuel Shem, The House of God*)
11. Negativity is basically laziness. It takes a hard of lot work to remain positive, but positivity always pays off. (*RuPaul Andre Charles*).