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Propositions belonging to the dissertation

**“Bleeding-related conditions and complications
in extracorporeal life support”**

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1. Bleeding complications are among the most common complications during the use of extracorporeal life support (Chapter 2, 3)
2. Over the past twenty years, bleeding-related complications have been decreasing, but remain around 25% (Chapter 3)
3. Prediction of bleeding complications during ECLS is difficult, and further investigation including anticoagulation and laboratory data is needed to improve the prediction models (Chapter 4, 5)
4. Further development of circuit system and optimal coating and surfaces could potentially lead to a decrease in systemic anticoagulation need (Chapter 6)
5. Extracorporeal life support could potentially break the vicious circle of the lethal triad in trauma (Chapter 7, 8)
6. Management of hemorrhagic shock includes rapid hemostasis and balanced resuscitation with crystalloids and blood. Early identification and control of the source of hemorrhage is essential (Advanced Trauma Life Support)
7. Respiratory arrest and cardiac arrest are distinct, but inevitably if untreated, one leads to the other (Moll, 2021)
8. In improper clinical environment, patients may be distinguished between those who survive despite interventions, and those who do bad because of interventions (Roberto Lorusso 2018)
9. “Afgebschoven is nicht aufgehoben” - *Postponing is not equal to canceling* (Justyna Swol, 2020)
10. Camping, where you spend a small fortune, to live like a homeless person
11. I generally avoid temptation, unless I can't resist it