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Propositions - Stellingen

1. Severe isolated tricuspid regurgitation can no longer be neglected and should not be solely considered for medical treatment.
2. Early referral in isolated tricuspid valve surgery leads to excellent short-term outcomes, with close to zero in-hospital mortality, smooth postoperative course and short both intensive care unit and hospital stays.
3. Isolated tricuspid valve surgery performed in early stages of the disease, with less pronounced right ventricular dysfunction and organ damage, results in 100% survival at 5 years and no further hospitalizations for right heart failure.
4. In patients with cardiac implantable electronic devices (CIEDs) and tricuspid regurgitation, CIEDs-induced tricuspid regurgitation is more common than CIEDs-associated tricuspid insufficiency. Tricuspid valve repair is still possible in approximately 2/3 of patients with good long-term results.
5. The need of a surgical risk score for isolated tricuspid valve surgery is evident. The novel TRI-SCORE showed good performance in predicting in-hospital mortality as well as mortality at mid- and long-term follow-up.
6. One of the most important things in cardiac surgery is surgical exposure.
7. Once an operation is adequately planned and prepared, you are already halfway through the battle.
8. Mitral valve repair, whenever feasible and whenever results are expected to be durable, should always be performed.
9. Running opens my mind, trail running opens my mind and fills my heart.
10. The true voyage of discovery is not so much in seeking new landscapes as in having new eyes.
11. If you can meet with Triumph and Disaster, and treat those two imposters just the same.