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Propositions accompanying the dissertation

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1. With the ever-growing number of available treatment options for psoriasis, it is imperative to continuously study the evolving preferences of patients and physicians using systematic methods.
2. Patients suffering from hidradenitis suppurativa and their physicians often experience unsuccessful disease management approaches which results in clear unmet care needs to be addressed by future interventions.
3. Perceptions of unmet care needs and treatment preferences can differ between patients and physicians or healthcare professionals, mutual understanding helps to align treatment goals and satisfaction.
4. Treatment effectiveness and pain control remain the most important goals from the perspective of patients with hidradenitis suppurativa, regardless of their geographic location or personal background.
5. Future treatments in hidradenitis suppurativa should demonstrate clear evidence of meaningful disease improvements and be offered according to dosing pattern and place in therapy that allows a cost-effective use of healthcare system resources.
6. Development-, regulatory- and reimbursement decision-making for future treatment options in hidradenitis suppurativa should allow patients to experience higher effectiveness and improved pain control.
7. Developing transparent and replicable patient preference research methods in collaboration with physicians and patients is critical to generate valid findings that lead to scientific impact.
8. Generation and synthesis of patient preference information contributes towards personalized medicine approaches which has been studied to improve disease management outcomes and associated societal burden.
9. *"Science is a way of thinking, not just a body of knowledge" - Carl Sagan.*
10. *"Failure is the most important ingredient in science" - Stuart Firestein.*