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1. Children with CP show less psychosocial adjustment, especially with regard to peer relations. *(this thesis)*
2. RF-DRG is a promising new treatment option for a selected group of children with CP suffering from severe spasticity. *(this thesis)*
3. Beneficial effects of ITB therapy in non-ambulant children with intractable spastic CP are still present 6-9 years after commencement of treatment. *(this thesis)*
4. A visual analogue scale is an easy, quick, and valid instrument to evaluate BTX-A treatment in children with spastic CP in daily clinical practice. *(this thesis)*
5. Both our understanding of spasticity and our ability to measure it are seriously deficient. *(Shakespeare et al 2003)*
6. Caregivers of children with profound impairments note changes in function far more accurately than staff workers. *(White-Koning et al 2005)*
7. Randomised controlled trials are not able to address the big questions in neurodisability. *(Rosenbaum 2010)*
8. The health care needs of adults with CP is uncharted territory. *(Young 2007)*
9. Changes in concepts have far more impact than new discoveries. *(Mayr 1997)*
10. The first step towards change is awareness. *(Nathaniel Branden)*
11. It isn't the mountains ahead to climb that wear you out; it's the pebble in your shoe. *(Muhammad Ali)*