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accompanying the thesis

**Haemodynamics in Deep Venous Obstruction**

Advances towards a tailored treatment

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Maastricht, 14 December 2016

1. Air plethysmography in its current form is a technique unsuited for use in patients suffering from deep venous obstruction. - *This thesis*
2. When investigating a patient with lower limb complaints that are possibly of venous origin, one should always take down the patient's trousers and inspect the abdominal and pubic area. - *This thesis*
3. Post-thrombotic deep venous obstruction causes ambulatory venous hypertension, which can be mitigated by stenting of the obstructed tract, resulting in an improved quality of life. - *This thesis*
4. Before treating iliac vein obstruction with stenting, one should properly investigate the post-thrombotic state of the femoral and deep femoral vein. - *This thesis*
5. To enable a tailored treatment approach it is essential to develop non-invasive techniques that can adequately quantify flow, pressure changes and collateralisation. - *This thesis*
6. Unwavering conviction without the capability of debate is dangerous, whether in medicine, science, politics or religion.
7. Patients should be treated by a skilled physician, not an untrained health care insurer.
8. It is important to treat a patient and their complaints, not just abnormalities that appear on diagnostic imaging.
9. Patience is just procrastination without the anxiety. - *Spooks*
10. No pidas de grado lo que puedes tomar por fuerza. - *Miguel de Cervantes Saavedra*  
Which may be loosely translated into: "Never stand begging for that which you have the power to earn."
11. We do not inherit the earth from our ancestors; we borrow it from our children.  
- *Unknown*