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Propositions

Belonging to the thesis entitled:

Ambulatory rehabilitation in patients with spinal cord injury

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1. Neural centers within the isolated spinal cord respond to a specific locomotor training (*this thesis*).
2. Despite different lesions to the cervical spinal cord, patients with a central cord and a Brown-Séquard syndrome clinically recover to about the same extent (*this thesis*).
3. Body function (voluntary motor strength) and activities are related but not in a one-to-one relationship (*this thesis*).
4. The risk for falls in spinal cord injury patients who are able to walk cannot be assessed with the Berg Balance Scale (*this thesis*).
5. The efficacy of induced spinal cord tissue regeneration is likely to depend on targeted rehabilitative training (*research area*).
6. The art of medicine consists in amusing the patient while nature cures the disease (*Voltaire 1694-1778; research area*).
7. A physician is obligated to consider more than a diseased organ, more even than the whole man-he must view the man in his world (*Harvey Cushing 1869-1939; research area*).
8. Exploring the stories of people with a spinal cord injury will deepen our understanding of how creative and innovative approaches to rehabilitation can promote a positive transition from a rehab back into the community (*Research area*).
9. Mostly it is loss which teaches us about the worth of things (*Arthur Schopenhauer 1788-1860*).
10. There is a place in Maastricht where I can legally scratch my name on the wall.