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Statements

1. The VCS technique is not for beginners (this thesis).
2. Horse shoe expansion can decrease venous congestion in free flaps (this thesis).
3. In free flap breast reconstruction the internal mammary vessels are good alternatives compared to the thoracodorsal axis (this thesis).
4. Free flap reconstruction in burned patients plays a marginal role (this thesis).
5. The most important advantage of venous flaps is low donor site morbidity (this thesis).
6. Immediate breast reconstruction seems not to interfere with the timing of adjuvant high dose chemotherapy (De Lorenzi, submitted for publication).
7. The truth is not always evidence based.
8. Light therapy works as antidepressive also for banana trees.
9. If you move a little earth every day eventually it will create a mountain (Confucio).
10. Prophylactic Tamoxifen reduces the risk of breast cancer by about a third (Lancet 2002; 817-24).
11. Pulse deficit is a predictor of mortality in patients with acute type A aortic dissection (Am J Cardiol 2002; 89:851-855).