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Stellingen

behorende bij het proefschrift "*Optimizing IVF results*"
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1. Intra-Cytoplasmic Sperm Injection (ICSI) is more successful in obstructive than in non-obstructive azoospermia (*present thesis*)
2. A dummy embryo transfer prevents unexpectedly difficult and failed embryo transfers (*present thesis*)
3. The outcome of twin pregnancies resulting from multifetal (3 or more) pregnancy reduction is similar to that of non-reduced IVF twin pregnancies, and significantly better than that of non-reduced triplets and quadruplets (*present thesis*)
4. The easy transfer into a well-prepared uterus of one good embryo is enough
5. An embryo looks beautiful only under the microscope.
6. Caesarean section unnecessarily replaced normal vaginal delivery to a great extent in assisted reproduction.
7. Ovarian hyperstimulation syndrome is a preventable condition.
8. Epidemiologists have found undesirable side-effects in some women of a very large group of HRT-users. Rather than depriving all women of the beneficial effects of HRT, we should now try to find out (e.g. by microarray technology) who these women are and why they behave differently.
9. Doctors should not communicate with their patients via the media, and neither with their colleagues.
10. The physician was called the "*wiseman*" in old times. Unfortunately this title was lost. It is to be regretted that the Dutch "*vroedvrouw*" now seems to be heading for the same destiny.
11. Medicine is a profession of science, art, and wisdom.