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QUEST for the BEST:

Quality of colonoscopy and colorectal cancer diagnosis in clinical practice

1. A standardised and generally accepted nomenclature for interval colorectal cancers facilitates improvement and optimisation of nationwide screening programs. - *This thesis*-
2. The vast majority of postcolonoscopy and metachronous colorectal cancers are related to technology instead of biology. - *This thesis*-
3. Postcolonoscopy cancers are likely related to missed lesions during previous colonoscopy because of proximal localization and subtle (nonpolypoid or small) macroscopic appearance. - *This thesis*-
4. Proximal and distal colorectal cancers have different macroscopic and biological characteristics, suggesting a difference in the underlying carcinogenic pathways. - *This thesis*-
5. In addition to information on the risk of complications (e.g. bleeding and perforation) at colonoscopy, patients should be informed about the risk of postcolonoscopy colorectal cancer. - *This thesis*-
6. The not anticipated very high participation rate in the nationwide colorectal cancer screening in the Netherlands represents the success of the program but also forms a threat.
7. The gastroenterologist specialised in gastrointestinal oncology should have a central role in the prevention, diagnostic workup, multidisciplinary approach, and surveillance of patients with gastrointestinal cancer.
8. Colonoscopy in woman and patients with a history of abdominal surgery should be performed in right-sided starting body position instead of conventional left-sided position. - *Vergis et al., Am J Gastroenterol, 2015*-
9. The world is a book, and those who don't travel only read one page. - *Saint Augustine*-
10. Sports do not build character. They reveal it. - *Heywood Hale Broun*-
11. If anything at all, perfection is not when there is nothing to add, but when there is nothing left to take away. - *Maria Tallchief*-

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