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## **ADRENOCORTICAL CARCINOMA**

### **A STUDY ON EPIDEMIOLOGY, DIAGNOSTICS AND TREATMENT OF A RARE ENDOCRINE MALIGNANCY**

1. Bijnierschorscarcinoom bij kinderen komt in twee verschillende entiteiten voor (dit proefschrift).
2. Een steroïdprofiel in 24-uurs urine is het beste diagnosticum om onderscheid te maken tussen een goedaardig gezwel in de bijnier en een bijnierschorscarcinoom (dit proefschrift).
3. Chirurgische behandeling van patiënten met een bijnierschorscarcinoom in gespecialiseerde centra verbetert de prognose van deze patiënten (dit proefschrift).
4. Ten aanzien van de dosering van mitotaan wordt de voorkeur gegeven aan non-evidence-based doseringsregimes (dit proefschrift).
5. Functional genomics is now playing an increasing role in predicting patients' responses to platin chemotherapy and their likelihood of experiencing severe side effects (Apps et al. Endocrine Related Cancer 2015).
6. Diurnal cortisol rhythm is associated with adverse cardiac events and mortality in coronary artery bypass patients (Ronaldson et al. JCEM 2015).
7. Obesity increases the risk on thyroid cancer through effects on thyroid hormones, insulin resistance, adipokines, inflammation, and sexual hormones (Marcello et al. Endocrine Related Cancer 2014).
8. Internationale samenwerking in onderzoek naar zeldzame ziekten vergroot de kans op succes, mede door schaalvergroting en commerciële impulsen.
9. Rare diseases are rare, but rare disease patients are numerous.
10. Doctors are men who prescribe medicines of which they know little, to cure diseases of which they know less, in human beings of whom they know nothing. (Voltaire)
11. If you don't know where you're going, you might not get there (Lawrence Peter 'Yogi' Berra).