Cardiac reinforcement and assistance by electrically stimulated skeletal muscle

Stellingen

behorende bij het proefschrift

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1. Improved myocyte function after cardiomyoplasty is based on reduction in wall stress and related oxygen consumption. *(this thesis)*

2. Poor latissimus dorsi function postoperatively limits the value of cardiomyoplasty. Therefore chronic heart failure-induced muscle abnormalities should be treated preoperatively. *(this thesis)*

3. The combined use of cardiomyoplasty and the implantable cardioverter defibrillator is mandatory to reduce the incidence of postoperative sudden death. *(this thesis)*

4. The concept of "Heart Failure Staging" should be used in the diagnosis and therapy of heart failure patients to correctly select pharmacological therapy and the timing of surgical "remodeling procedures". *(this thesis)*

5. A randomized trial between right and left cardiomyoplasty should be performed in patients because studies in laboratory animals gave variable results. *(this thesis)*

6. "The surgical investigator must be a bridge tender, channelling knowledge from biologic science to patient's bedside and back again... Those at one end of the edge say he is not a very good scientist and those at the other end say that he does not spend enough time in the operating room. If only he is willing to live with this abuse, he can continue to do his job effectively".
Francis Moore, Presidential Address, Annual Meeting of The Society of the University Surgeons, Boston: 1958: 44 6

7. Leonardo da Vinci's complete artistic production should be exposed in his homeland only to allow a one-visit exhibition instead of requiring a world wide journey.

8. Chianti wine is an effective and enjoyable medicine for anxiety and/or depression syndromes.

9. Man's destiny is his personality.

10. Teamwork is essential: it allows you to blame some one else!
8th Rule of Finagle