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1. Although a plethora of objective pain assessment tools have emerged in the last decade there is still no gold standard for pain assessment in neonates. (this thesis)
2. On a subjective basis, nurses generally rate routine procedures as more painful than physicians do. (this thesis)
3. Neither morphine as a pharmacological agent, nor multisensorial stimulation as a non-pharmacological intervention achieves sufficient pain relief in ventilated preterm neonates. (this thesis)
4. It remains unclear whether non-pharmacological methods also have a beneficial effect during prolonged exposure to pain. (this thesis)
5. Nursing science and practice are challenged by the rising global burden of disease due to chronic conditions.
6. Nursing science is a transdisciplinary science.
7. Improvements in patient outcomes mainly depend on a fruitful collaboration between the nursing and medical profession.
8. Highly qualified Advanced Nurse Practitioners (ANP) make the difference in better patient outcomes and patient satisfaction.