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## CLINICAL DILEMMAS IN SENTINEL NODE BIOPSY FOR BREAST CANCER SABRINA MAASKANT, 17 JANUARI 2014

1. Introductie van de schildwachtklierbiopsie bij het mammacarcinoom heeft geleid tot stadiummigratie door een toename in de detectie van micrometastasen - *dit proefschrift*
2. Micrometastasen in de schildwachtklier hebben geen significante invloed op de overleving van patiënten met een mammacarcinoom en zijn op zichzelf onvoldoende reden om adjuvante systemische therapie toe te dienen - *dit proefschrift*
3. Herhaalde schildwachtklierbiopsie bij patiënten met een lokaal recidief mammacarcinoom is niet alleen technisch mogelijk en betrouwbaar, het levert ook additionele informatie op die het oorspronkelijke behandelplan kan veranderen - *dit proefschrift*
4. Het opnemen van herhaalde schildwachtklierbiopsie in nationale richtlijnen kan meer dan 50% van de patiënten met een lokaal recidief mammacarcinoom de morbiditeit van een okselklierdissectie besparen - *dit proefschrift*
5. Rekening houdend met de aberrante lymfedrainagepatronen die gezien worden bij patiënten met een lokaal recidief mammacarcinoom zouden contralaterale lymfekliermetastasen benaderd moeten worden als regionaal uitgebreide in plaats van gemetastaseerde ziekte - *dit proefschrift*
6. When cancer possesses the breast, it often causes inflammation of the armpits and sends the swellings even to the glandules thereof - *Ambroise Paré, 1510-1590*
7. Axillary lymph node dissection (ALND) and axillary radiotherapy (ART) after a positive sentinel node biopsy provide excellent and comparable regional control, whereas ART reduces the risk of lymphedema compared to ALND - *Emiel Rutgers, Final analysis of the AMAROS trial. J Clin Oncol 2013; 31 (suppl; abstr LBA1001)*
8. We have entered the era of axillary confusion. The new standard of care is: all women with involved axillary nodes do not require axillary dissection - *Monica Morrow*
9. Try not. Do or do not. There is no try - *Yoda, Star Wars: Episode V - The empire strikes back*
10. Success is most often achieved by those who don't know that failure is inevitable - *Coco Chanel*
11. A kiss from mommy is the world's strongest medicine