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Propositions

Belonging to the dissertation entitled

The systematic assessment of the short-term risk for patient violence on acute psychiatric wards

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1. Aggression in psychiatry should not be treated as an exclusively psychiatric problem (this thesis)
2. Routine assessment of the risk for violence among psychiatric patients is essential but stigmatises all people with mental health problems (this thesis)
3. Routine assessment of the risk for violence among psychiatric patients contributes to prevention of violence (this thesis)
4. One main obstacle in achieving valid estimations of the risk for aggression are risk factors related to the risk assessors themselves (this thesis)
5. Risk assessment should be expanded to include factors indicative for reduced risk
6. The professionalization of psychiatric nursing hinders the use of common sense
7. Patient education in psychiatry may be regarded as a clandestine way of executing power
8. Good psychiatric nurses are versatile role takers
9. The kinship of *disserere*, *miserere* and *deserere* is not a coincidence