

PROPOSITIONS

TOWARDS A FUNCTIONAL CURE FOR CHRONIC HEPATITIS B

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1. Natural Killer (NK) cell activation, as well as HBV specific T cell responses, are involved in clearance of an acute HBV infection - *this thesis*
2. Hepatitis B core-related antigen is a helpful surrogate marker for cccDNA transcription and may be more accurate than HBsAg for this purpose - *this thesis*
3. With the current treatment options at our disposal, watchful waiting should be the first choice medical management of patients that that neither fulfil the criteria of HBeAg negative chronic infection nor that of HBeAg negative chronic hepatitis - *this thesis*
4. The role of HBV DNA integrants in the process of viral replication and persistence should be taken into account when developing new curative therapies - *this thesis*
5. In the search of new treatment targets for chronic hepatitis B, cccDNA transcription is an important process to target. Modification of the farnesoid X receptor may be a safe and effective way to interfere with the host-viral interaction of this process - *this thesis*
6. Law XIII. The delivery of medical care is to do as much nothing as possible - *Samuel Shem, The House of God*
7. Het Nederlandse systeem voor onderzoek financiering zou herzien moeten worden, met kortere aanvragen, meer vraag-gestuurd en minder uitkomst-gestuurd onderzoek. Waarbij een kleiner aantal studies gedreven worden door een markt die rekent op winst - *Robin Erken*
8. If you want something done, ask a busy person - *Oxford Dictionary of Proverbs: Variously attributed to Benjamin Franklin, Elbert Hubbard and Anna Erken*
9. Het promotietraject is als een triatlon, eerst in het diepe springen, dan gestaag doorfietsen en tot slot een sprint trekken - *Robin Erken*
10. If you don't think you can do this — you're not realizing how simple it is - *Bob Ross*