End-stage renal disease in children: management, outcomes, improvement of care
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1. Existing guidelines for chronic renal replacement therapy (cRRT) in children are almost exclusively based on expert opinion or consensus, while evidence is lacking. (this thesis)

2. Treatment policies in the Dutch and Belgian centres for cRRT in children show important differences which may have impact on treatment outcomes in these children. (this thesis)

3. Continuous national and international collaboration between treatment units for paediatric cRRT using structured peer discussions on treatment protocols plus critical appraisal of patient outcomes is necessary enable progress in this field. (this thesis)

4. Children with end-stage renal disease (ESRD) of parents of non-Western background, treated in the Netherlands or Belgium, receive a different treatment and have less favourable health outcomes than children of Western European parents. The reason for these differences in treatment and outcome are unclear. (this thesis)

5. Current devices that measure Pulse Wave Velocity are not reliable enough to monitor vascular stiffness in individual children with ESRD. (this thesis)

6. To improve the Quality of Care for patients with rare diseases such as paediatric ESRD, with the virtual absence of population-specific evidence, novel collaborative approaches are urgently needed. (this thesis)

7. Children are not small adults…evidence die verzameld is in onderzoek met volwassenen, kan niet zomaar worden gebruikt voor behandelingen in de Kindergeneeskunde (Klassen TP, Hartling L, Craig JC, Offringa M, Children are not just small adults: The urgent need for high-quality trial evidence in children. PLOS MEDICINE 5 (8), 2008, p.1180 e172-1182)

8. De naam “Predictor” voor een zwangerschapstest is klinimetrisch gezien niet juist. Deze test is een indicator van zwangerschap, geen voorspeller daarvan.

9. ‘Publish or perish’, dat is waar het om gaat in de wetenschap (Paul Brand, Impact Factor)

10. The greatest glory in living lies not in never falling, but in rising everytime we fall. (Nelson Mandela, Long Walk to Freedom)