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1. There are enough similarities in molecular biology and histology of adult and pediatric hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC) to make use of findings from molecular and histological research in adult HCC for empirical novel treatment regimens in pediatric HCC (literature study leading up to this thesis).

2. The more specific a targeted therapy, the more crucial to combine it with therapy aiming at other targets, in order to prevent selection in cancer cells (literature study leading up to this thesis).

3. Cisplatin is not the answer to pediatric hepatocellular carcinoma (this thesis).

4. Complete resection is the only sure cure in fibrolamellar hepatocellular carcinoma, hence ‘the only way to heal is with ice cold steel’ (this thesis).

5. In contrast to prenatal cholangiogenesis, postnatal murine cholangiocyte differentiation may function independently of NOTCH2 (this thesis).

6. The oncogene addiction phenotype of the DCUN1D oncoproteins as shown for DCUN1D1 and DCUN1D5 can be exploited for treatment of selected tumors (this thesis).


8. Virtually all of the mutations in metastatic lesions were already present in a large number of cells of the primary tumor (B. Vogelstein in Cancer Genome Landscapes. Science 2013).

9. Cancer of a specific organ (liver, colon, ovary, lung) is, from a genetic point of view, not one disease, but many diverse diseases sharing one entity: cancer of that organ (Translated from M. van de Wiel).

10. If you think education is expensive, consider ignorance (Aristoteles).

11. Happiness is the exercise of vital powers along lines of excellence, in a life affording them scope (D. Acheson).

12. You gotta have style. It helps you get up in the morning. It’s a way of life. Without it you’re nobody (D. Vreeland).