

## Thesis propositions

1. Autoantibody testing has become increasingly important in diagnosis, classification, and disease management of patients with idiopathic inflammatory myopathies (this thesis).
2. Both muscle ultrasound and magnetic resonance imaging will play a role in diagnosing and monitoring disease activity in patients with idiopathic inflammatory myopathies (this thesis).
3. Fascia examination may have additional value in the early diagnosis of a subset of patients with idiopathic inflammatory myopathies (this thesis).
4. Patients with idiopathic inflammatory myopathies should be routinely screened for (peri)myocarditis with high-sensitivity cardiac troponins and/or cardiac magnetic resonance imaging at time of diagnosis (this thesis).
5. Patients with seronegative immune-mediated necrotising myopathy form a distinctive subgroup of patients with idiopathic inflammatory myopathies (this thesis).
6. First-line intravenous immunoglobulin treatment for patients with idiopathic inflammatory myopathies is promising, but remains a “one size fits all” approach (this thesis).
7. "Without experimentation, a willingness to ask questions and try new things, we shall surely become static, repetitive, and moribund." - Anthony Bourdain
8. “In the long history of humankind (and animal kind, too) those who learned to collaborate and improvise most effectively have prevailed.” - Charles Darwin
9. “(..) competence doesn’t always depend on comprehension and sometimes is a precondition for comprehension.” - Daniel Dennett
10. “The journey of a thousand miles begins with one step.” - Lao-tzu