Propositions

related to the PhD thesis

Prognostication and Local Management in Bone Metastatic Disease

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1. Survival estimation is crucial when it comes to surgical decision making for patients with bone metastasis – *this thesis*

2. While survival estimation (in patients with spinal metastasis) seems to be associated with treatment choice, surgeons overestimate the patients’ survival considerably – *this thesis*

3. Laboratory factors such as albumin and alkaline phosphatase are valuable prognostic markers, easy to obtain and inexpensive, and should therefore be included in the standard work up of patients with a bone metastasis – *this thesis*

4. It is important to realize that the decision to operate or not is a difficult one and should not solely be based on the outcome of the prediction models – *this thesis*

5. Although advances in Machine Learning are exciting and promising, we must be cautious and aware of the challenges they bring – *this thesis*

6. The use of Artificial Intelligence will undoubtedly continue to grow in the medical field in the years to come and it will greatly contribute to the promise of precision medicine – *this thesis*

7. Consensus is not always good; disagreement not always bad. If you do happen to agree, don’t take that agreement—in itself—as proof that you are right. Never stop doubting – *Philip Tetlock, Superforecasting*

8. Det finnes ikke dårlig vær, bare dårlige klær! (*There’s no such thing as bad weather, only bad clothing*)

9. It’s like they say in the Bible: it’s better to give than to receive – *Norman “Stoney” Stone (boxing coach)*

10. Better to be second, than no Dr. at all – *Dr. Vincent Thio*