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Elucidating the Mechanisms of Anastomotic Leakage *A New Point of View*

1. The lack of efficacy of the C-seal may be due to unforeseen alterations in the colonic microbiota following application of an intraluminal device.

This thesis

2. A low microbial diversity puts patients undergoing a colorectal resection at risk for the development of anastomotic leakage.

This thesis

3. Patients undergoing a colorectal resection can express traits that influence the colonic wound healing.

This thesis

4. A western diet influences the gut microbiota composition and the virulence of its bacteria (in mice).

This thesis (and literature)

5. The use of (prophylactic) antibiotics before and/or after creating an intestinal wound can cause a dysbiosis of the intestinal microbiota, which might cause microorganisms to influence physiological processes in the host.

This thesis

6. Surgical research should invest more in novel techniques in order to unravel unsolved mysteries of daily surgical practice.

This thesis

7. Iets is niet hoog als het te bereiken valt; het is niet groot als je erover kunt redeneren; het is niet diep als je tot op de bodem kunt kijken.

Ayn Rand

8. Het is niet meer tot de dood ons scheidt, maar tot de schijt ons doodt.

Wim Kan

9. Het beste aan volwassen zijn is dat je zelf kan beslissen om het even niet te zijn.

10. Helaas kan niet elk lek worden gefixt met duct tape.

11. Een hoofd vol met dromen werkt verlichtend.

12. Over het algemeen wordt er te weinig waarde gehecht aan een compliment. Vreemd genoeg wordt daardoor een compliment minder waard dan kritiek van dezelfde of zelfs veel kleinere orde.