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1. The Montreal classification is a reliable tool for the assessment of the clinical phenotype of inflammatory bowel disease patients, except for disease severity in ulcerative colitis (*this thesis*)
2. Patients of non-Caucasian descent born in Europe are diagnosed at a younger age than patients of non-Caucasian descent born outside Europe (*this thesis*)
3. Patients with inflammatory bowel disease of West- and Central-European Caucasian descent, suffer from anal stenosis more often than patients of non-Caucasian descent (*this thesis*)
4. Osteopenia and thromboembolic event in patients with ulcerative colitis are associated with long-term full work disability (*this thesis*)
5. Extraintestinal manifestations are more often observed in female than in male IBD patients (*this thesis*)
6. Disease-specific healthcare costs do not differ between male and female patients with inflammatory bowel disease (*this thesis*)
7. Patients with Crohn's disease are more at risk of developing hidradenitis suppurativa than patients with ulcerative colitis (*this thesis*)
8. We cannot solve our problems with the same thinking we used when we created them (*Albert Einstein*)
9. Je kunt beter een optimist zijn die ongelijk heeft, dan een pessimist die gelijk heeft
10. Een glimlach om een nederlaag is een eindoverwinning (*Bertus Aafjes*)