1) The present guidelines on the treatment of lipid disorders in patients with chronic kidney disease do not reflect the current evidence. (this thesis)

2) Poor diabetes control is a risk factor for sudden cardiac death in hemodialysis patients with type 2 diabetes mellitus. (this thesis)

3) Vitamin D deficiency is associated with cardiovascular mortality, in particular sudden cardiac death. (this thesis)

4) High basal and increasing adiponectin levels in dialysis patients represent a counter-regulatory response to worsening health in keeping with adiponectin’s potential to counteract inflammation. (this thesis)

5) While myocardial infarction represents the most frequent cause of death in the general population, dialysis patients mainly die of sudden cardiac death, which as a single cause accounts for one quarter of all deaths in dialysis patients.

6) Findings from interventional studies in the general population can not be extrapolated to patients with advanced chronic kidney disease.

7) In the treatment of renal disease think of the heart almost as much as of the kidneys.

8) Ninety-five percent confidence intervals provide more information than p-values.

9) Je kunt alleen iets uit je mouw schudden als je het er van te voren hebt ingestopt. (Man kann nur etwas aus dem Ärmel schütteln, wenn man es vorher hinein gesteckt hat.) In navolging van Rudi Carrell (1934-2006)

10) Do not purely trust in what is said, but realize what is actually done.

11) Curiosity and imagination are important prerequisites for science.

12) Success is not the key to happiness. Happiness is the key to success. If you love what you are doing, you will be successful. Albert Schweitzer (1875-1965)