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On request of the State Secretary of Health, Welfare and Cultural Affairs to inform him about the state of science and its implications for practice, in preparation for a Planning Decree under section 18 of the Hospital Provision Act for tertiary referral centers.

Authors' conclusions
Number of procedures (The Netherlands, 15.5 million inhabitants): At least 13,500 open heart operations and 11,900 angioplasties by the year 2000. Requirements: The application of section 18 of the Hospital Provision Act should be continued. Each hospital should perform a minimum of 750 heart operations a year by having five cardiac surgeons, each of whom carries out at least 150 interventions a year. Each hospital should perform a minimum of 500 interventions a year by having five interventional cardiologists, each of whom carries out at least 100 interventions a year. A center cannot perform interventional cardiology without heart surgery and vice versa. Each center must participate in a uniform registration system.

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