

Statement of Principles
concerning
ACUTE SPRAINS AND ACUTE STRAINS

ICD CODES: 840-848

Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986
subsection 196B(2)

1. Being of the view that there is sound medical-scientific evidence that indicates that **acute sprain or acute strain and death from acute sprain or acute strain** can be related to operational service rendered by veterans, peacekeeping service rendered by members of Peacekeeping forces and hazardous service rendered by members of the Forces, the Repatriation Medical Authority determines, under subsection 196B(2) of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*, that the factors that must as a minimum exist before it can be said that a reasonable hypothesis has been raised connecting **acute sprain or acute strain or death from acute sprain or acute strain** with the circumstances of that service, are:
 - (a) twisting, wrenching, stretching, overusing or misusing a joint immediately before the clinical onset of sprain to that joint; or
 - (b) stretching, overusing or misusing a muscle immediately before the clinical onset of strain to that muscle; or
 - (c) twisting, wrenching, stretching, overusing or misusing a joint immediately before the clinical worsening of sprain to that joint; or
 - (d) stretching, overusing or misusing a muscle immediately before the clinical worsening of strain to that muscle; or
 - (e) inability to obtain appropriate clinical management for the acute sprain or strain.

