

Statement of Principles  
concerning  
**ANALGESIC NEPHROPATHY**

ICD CODE: 583.89

Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986  
subsection 196B(3)

1. Being of the view that, on sound medical-scientific evidence available to the Repatriation Medical Authority, it is more probable than not that **analgesic nephropathy and death from analgesic nephropathy** can be related to eligible war service (other than operational service) rendered by veterans and defence service (other than hazardous service) rendered by members of the Forces, the Repatriation Medical Authority determines, under subsection 196B(3) of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*, that the factors that must exist before it can be said that, on the balance of probabilities, **analgesic nephropathy and death from analgesic nephropathy** is connected with the circumstances of that service, are:
  - (a) chronic analgesic abuse; or
  - (b) inability to obtain appropriate clinical management for analgesic nephropathy.
2. Subject to clause 3 (below) at least one of the factors set out in paragraphs **1(a) and 1(b)** must be related to any service rendered by a person.
3. The factor set out in paragraph **1(b)** applies only where:

