

# Statement of Principles

concerning

## **HAEMORRHOIDS**

ICD CODE: 455

Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986  
subsection 196B(2)

1. Being of the view that there is sound medical-scientific evidence that indicates that **haemorrhoids and death from haemorrhoids** 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 **haemorrhoids or death from haemorrhoids** with the circumstances of that service, are:
  - (a) having increased venous pressure due to straining at stool before the clinical onset of haemorrhoids; or
  - (b) inability to obtain appropriate clinical management for haemorrhoids.
2. Subject to clause 3 (below) at least one of the factors set out in paragraphs **1(a) to 1(b)** must be related to any service rendered by a person.
3. The factor set out in paragraph **1(b)** applies only where:
  - (a) the person's haemorrhoids were contracted prior to a period, or part of a period, of service to which the factor is related; and

