

REVOKED

Statement of Principles

concerning

INGUINAL HERNIA

ICD CODE 550

Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986
subsection 196B(3)

1. Being of the view that, on the sound medical-scientific evidence available to the Repatriation Medical Authority, it is more probable than not that **inguinal hernia and death from inguinal hernia** 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, **inguinal hernia or death from inguinal hernia** is connected with the circumstances of that service, are:
 - (a) having an episode of raised intra-abdominal pressure at the time of the clinical onset of inguinal hernia; or
 - (b) having an episode of raised intra-abdominal pressure at the time of the clinical worsening of inguinal hernia; or
 - (c) inability to obtain appropriate clinical management for inguinal hernia
2. Subject to clause 3 (below) at least one of the factors set out in paras **1(a) to 1(c)** must be related to any service rendered by a person.

