

Statement of Principles

concerning

MARFAN SYNDROME

ICD CODE: 759.82

Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986
subsection 196B(2)

1. Being of the view that there is sound medical-scientific evidence that indicates that **Marfan syndrome and death from Marfan syndrome** 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 factor that must as a minimum exist before it can be said that a reasonable hypothesis has been raised connecting **Marfan syndrome or death from Marfan syndrome** with the circumstances of that service, is:
 - (a) pregnancy before or during the clinical worsening of Marfan syndrome; or
 - (b) inability to obtain appropriate clinical management for the Marfan syndrome.
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 **Marfan syndrome** was suffered prior to a period, or part of a period, of service to which the factor is related; and

