

REVOKED

Statement of Principles

concerning

MALIGNANT NEOPLASM OF THE GALLBLADDER

ICD CODE: 156.0

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 **malignant neoplasm of the gallbladder and death from malignant neoplasm of the gallbladder** 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, **malignant neoplasm of the gallbladder or death from malignant neoplasm of the gallbladder** is connected with the circumstances of that service, are:
 - (a) suffering chronic inflammatory bowel disease for at least 20 years before the clinical onset of malignant neoplasm of the gallbladder; or
 - (b) being a chronic typhoid carrier before the clinical onset of malignant neoplasm of the gallbladder; or
 - (c) inability to obtain appropriate clinical management for malignant neoplasm of the gallbladder.

2. Subject to clause 3 (below) at least one of the factors set out in paragraphs **1(a) to (c)** must be related to any service rendered by a person.
3. The factor set out in paragraph **1(c)** applies only where:
 - (a) the person's **malignant neoplasm of the gallbladder** was suffered prior to a period, or part of a period, of service to which the factor is related; and
 - (b) the relationship suggested between the **malignant neoplasm of the gallbladder** and the particular service of a person is a relationship set out in paragraph 8(1)(e), 9(1)(e) or 70(5)(d) of the Act.

4. For the purposes of this Statement of Principles:

“chronic inflammatory bowel disease” means an inflammatory disorder of the gastro-intestinal tract, including ulcerative colitis (ICD code 556) and Crohn's disease (ICD code 555);

“ICD code” means a number assigned to a particular kind of injury or disease in the tenth edition of the *International Classification of Diseases* 9th Revision, effective date of 1 October 1993, copyrighted by the US Commission on Professional and Hospital Activities, and having the Library of Congress number 77-94472;

“malignant neoplasm of the gallbladder” means a malignant proliferation of the cells of the gallbladder, attracting an ICD code of 156.0

Dated this _____ day of _____ 1995

The Common Seal of the)
 Repatriation Medical Authority)
 was affixed to this instrument)
 in the presence of:)

KEN DONALD
 CHAIRMAN