

## REVOKED

# Statement of Principles

concerning

## **POLYCYTHEMIA VERA**

ICD CODE: 238.4

Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986  
subsection 196B(2)

1. Being of the view that there is sound medical-scientific evidence that indicates that **polycythemia vera and death from polycythemia vera** 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 **polycythemia vera or death from polycythemia vera** with the circumstances of that service, is:
  - (a) inability to obtain appropriate clinical management for polycythemia vera.
2. Subject to clause 3 (below) the factor set out in paragraph **1(a)** must be related to any service rendered by a person.
3. The factor set out in paragraph **1(a)** applies only where:
  - (a) the person's **polycythemia vera** was contracted prior to a period, or part of a period, of service to which the factor is related; and
  - (b) the relationship suggested between the **polycythemia vera** and the particular service of a person is a relationship set out in paragraph 8(1)(e), 9(1)(e), 70(5)(d), or 70(5A)(d) of the Act.

