

# REVOKED

## Amendment of Statement of Principles

concerning

### **CERVICAL SPONDYLOSIS**

**ICD CODES: 721.0, 721.1, 722.4, 722.71, 722.91**

**Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986  
subsection 196B(3)**

The Repatriation Medical Authority amends, under subsection 196B(3) of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* (the Act), Instrument No.102 of 1995 (Statement of Principles concerning cervical spondylosis, as amended by Instrument No.331 of 1995) by:

1. omitting the definition of "trauma to the cervical spine" in paragraph 4 and inserting in its place in paragraph 4, the following definition:

**"trauma to the cervical spine'** means an injury to the cervical spine caused by the force of an extraneous physical or mechanical agent that causes the development, within 24 hours of the injury being sustained, of acute symptoms and signs of pain, tenderness, and altered mobility or range of movement of the joint, and where such acute symptoms and signs last for a period of at least ten days immediately after the injury occurs, unless medical intervention has occurred. Where medical intervention for the injury has occurred (eg splinting, corticosteroid injection, surgery), and there is evidence relating to the extent of injury and treatment, such evidence may be considered;"

2. omitting the definition of "trauma to the cervical spine which has resulted in permanent ligamentous instability" in paragraph 4 and inserting in its place in paragraph 4, the following definition:

**"trauma to the cervical spine which has resulted in permanent ligamentous instability'** means abnormal mobility and instability of the

cervical spine due to ligamentous injury caused by the force of an extraneous physical or mechanical agent, and is characterised by the regular recurrence of episodes of pain and/or tenderness affecting the cervical spine.”.

The amendments made by this instrument apply to all matters to which Instrument No.102 of 1995 and section 120B of the Act apply.

Dated this *Third* day of *October* 1995

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

KEN DONALD  
CHAIRMAN