

Statement of Principles

concerning

MALIGNANT NEOPLASM OF THE URETHRA

ICD CODE: 189.3

Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986
subsection 196B(2)

1. Being of the view that there is sound medical-scientific evidence that indicates that **malignant neoplasm of the urethra** and **death from malignant neoplasm of the urethra** 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* (the Act), that the factors that must as a minimum exist before it can be said that a reasonable hypothesis has been raised connecting **malignant neoplasm of the urethra** or **death from malignant neoplasm of the urethra** with the circumstances of that service, are:
 - (a) being treated with immunosuppressive drugs for renal transplantation before the clinical onset of malignant neoplasm of the urethra; or
 - (b) inability to obtain appropriate clinical management for the malignant neoplasm of the urethra.
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 **malignant neoplasm of the urethra** developed before 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 urethra** 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.

4. For the purposes of this Statement of Principles:

“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;

“immunosuppressive drugs” means drugs or therapeutic agents capable of suppressing immune responses;

“malignant neoplasm of the urethra” means a malignant disorder arising from the cells lining the urethra, attracting ICD code 189.3.

Dated this *Twenty-first* day of *June*
1995

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

KEN DONALD
CHAIRMAN