

Statement of Principles  
concerning  
**CHARCOT-MARIE-TOOTH DISEASE**

**ICD CODE 356.1**

Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986  
subsection 196B(2)

1. Being of the view that there is sound medical-scientific evidence that indicates that **Charcot-Marie-Tooth disease and death from Charcot-Marie-Tooth disease** 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 **Charcot-Marie-Tooth disease or death from Charcot-Marie-Tooth disease** with the circumstances of that service, is:
  - (a) the inability to obtain appropriate clinical management for Charcot-Marie-Tooth disease.
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 **Charcot-Marie-Tooth disease** 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 **Charcot-Marie-Tooth disease** and the particular service of a person is a relationship set

