

REVOKED

Statement of Principles

concerning

MALIGNANT NEOPLASM OF THE CERVIX

ICD CODE: 180

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 cervix** and **death from malignant neoplasm of the cervix** 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 cervix** or **death from malignant neoplasm of the cervix** with the circumstances of that service, are:
 - (a) being infected with human papilloma virus (HPV) before the clinical onset of malignant neoplasm of the cervix; or
 - (b) being in an immuno-compromised state as a result of primary renal disease or renal transplantation before the clinical onset of malignant neoplasm of the cervix; or
 - (c) undertaking a course of therapeutic radiation involving the pelvic organs before the clinical onset of malignant neoplasm of the cervix; or
 - (d) inability to obtain appropriate clinical management for malignant neoplasm of the cervix.

2. Subject to clause 3 (below) at least one of the factors set out in paragraphs **1(a) to 1(d)** must be related to any service rendered by a person.
3. The factor set out in paragraph **1(d)** applies only where:
 - (a) the person's **malignant neoplasm of the cervix** was contracted 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 cervix** 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:

“a course” means five or more episodes of treatment within a 125 day period;

“human papilloma virus (HPV)” means a strain of HPV which causes warts, particularly planter and genital warts, on the skin and mucous membranes, transmitted by direct or indirect contact, attracting ICD code 078.1. Infection by HPV can be presumed if a person has had a history of clinical disease caused by HPV or has engaged in sexual activity in circumstances where the likelihood of HPV infection was significantly increased;

“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;

“immuno-compromised state” means a state where the immune response has been attenuated by administration of immunosuppressive drugs, or by irradiation, certain types of infection, malnutrition, or a malignant disease process;

“malignant neoplasm of the cervix” means a malignancy, attracting ICD code 180, affecting that part of the uterus that is joined to the uterine corpus by the isthmus;

“therapeutic radiation” means medical treatment by irradiation to the person with gamma rays, x-rays, alpha particles or beta particles.

Dated this **Thirteenth** day of **April**
1995

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

KEN DONALD
CHAIRMAN