

Statement of Principles

concerning

MALIGNANT NEOPLASM OF THE CEREBRAL MENINGES

ICD CODE: 192.1

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 cerebral meninges** and **death from malignant neoplasm of the cerebral meninges** 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 cerebral meninges** or **death from malignant neoplasm of the cerebral meninges** with the circumstances of that service, are:
 - (a) for sarcoma of the cerebral meninges only, undergoing a course of therapeutic radiation to the head or neck before the clinical onset of malignant neoplasm of the cerebral meninges; or
 - (b) inability to obtain appropriate clinical management for malignant neoplasm of the cerebral meninges.

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 cerebral meninges** developed before a period, or part of a period, of service to which the factor is related; and
 - (b) the relationship suggested between **malignant neoplasm of the cerebral meninges** 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;

“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;

“malignant neoplasm of the cerebral meninges” means a malignant tumour arising from any of the cellular constituents of the cerebral meninges, which are the membranes surrounding the brain, attracting ICD code 192.1;

“sarcoma of the cerebral meninges” means a malignant sarcoma arising from the cerebral meninges;

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

Dated this *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