

REVOKED

Statement of Principles

concerning

POLYCYTHEMIA VERA

ICD CODE: 238.4

Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986
subsection 196B(3)

1. Being of the view that, on the sound medical-scientific evidence available to the Repatriation Medical Authority, it is more probable than not that **polycythemia vera and death from polycythemia vera** can be related to eligible war service (other than operational service) rendered by veterans and defence service (other than hazardous service) rendered by members of the Forces, the Repatriation Medical Authority determines, under subsection 196B(3) of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*, that the factor that must exist before it can be said that, on the balance of probabilities, **polycythemia vera or death from polycythemia vera** is connected with the circumstances of that service, is:
 - (a) inability to obtain appropriate clinical management for polycythemia vera.
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 **polycythemia vera** 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 **polycythemia vera** and the particular service of a person is a relationship set out in paragraph 8(1)(e), 9(1)(e), or 70(5)(d) of the Act.

