

Statement of Principles

concerning

BENIGN NEOPLASM OF THE EYE

ICD CODE: 224

Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986
subsection 196B(2)

1. Being of the view that there is sound medical-scientific evidence that indicates that **benign neoplasm of the eye** and **death from benign neoplasm of the eye** 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 factor that must as a minimum exist before it can be said that a reasonable hypothesis has been raised connecting **benign neoplasm of the eye** or **death from benign neoplasm of the eye** with the circumstances of that service, is:
 - (a) inability to obtain appropriate clinical management for the benign neoplasm of the eye.
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 **benign neoplasm of the eye** developed before a period, or part of a period, of service to which the factor related; and

(b) the relationship suggested between the **benign neoplasm of the eye** 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:

“benign neoplasm of the eye” means a non-malignant proliferation of the cells of the eye classified according to site as eyeball, orbit, lacrimal gland, conjunctiva, cornea, retina, choroid, lacrimal duct, attracting ICD code 224;

“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;

Dated this *Twenty-fifth* day of *May* 1995

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

KEN DONALD
CHAIRMAN