

Statement of Principles  
concerning  
**POLYCYSTIC KIDNEY DISEASE**

ICD CODE: 753.1

Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986  
subsection 196B(2)

1. Being of the view that there is sound medical-scientific evidence that indicates that **polycystic kidney disease and death from polycystic kidney 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 factors that must as a minimum exist before it can be said that a reasonable hypothesis has been raised connecting **polycystic kidney disease or death from polycystic kidney disease** with the circumstances of that service, are:
  - (a) suffering physical trauma to the kidney region before the clinical worsening of polycystic kidney disease; or
  - (b) suffering from a renal infection before the clinical worsening of polycystic kidney disease; or
  - (c) inability to obtain appropriate clinical management for polycystic kidney disease.
2. Subject to clause 3 (below) at least one of the factors set out in paragraphs **1(a) to 1(c)** must be related to any service rendered by a person.
3. The factors set out in paragraphs **1(a) to 1(c)** apply only where:

