REVOKED

Statement of Principles

concerning

MALIGNANT NEOPLASM OF THE COLON

ICD CODE: 153

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 malignant neoplasm of the colon and death from malignant neoplasm of the colon 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 factors that must exist before it can be said that, on the balance of probabilities, malignant neoplasm of the colon or death from malignant neoplasm of the colon is connected with the circumstances of that service, are:
 - (a) suffering from ulcerative colitis before the clinical onset of malignant neoplasm of the colon; or
 - (b) suffering from familial polyposis coli before the clinical onset of malignant neoplasm of the colon; or
 - (c) inability to obtain appropriate clinical management for malignant neoplasm of the colon.
- 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 factor set out in paragraph $\mathbf{1}(\mathbf{c})$ applies only where:
 - (a) the person's **malignant neoplasm of the colon** 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 **malignant neoplasm of the colon** 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.
- 4. For the purposes of this Statement of Principles:

"familial polyposis coli" means a genetic disorder in which there is the formation of numerous polyps in the gastro-intestinal tract;

"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 colon" means a malignant neoplasm of plasma cells arising in the bone marrow, and characterised by diffuse involvement of the skeletal system, hyperglogulinemia, Bence-Jones proteinuria, and anaemia, attracting ICD code 203.0;

"ulcerative colitis" means a chronic recurrent inflammatory disease of the colon, usually limited to the mucosa and submucosa; characterised by diffuse inflammatory cell infiltrate and crypt abscesses, attracting an ICD code of 556.

Dated this	day of	1995
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The Common Seal of the)	
Repatriation Medical Authority)	
was affixed to this instrument)	
in the presence of:)	

KEN DONALD CHAIRMAN