

Statement of Principles
concerning
JAKOB-CREUTZFELDT DISEASE

ICD CODE: 046.1 or 290.1

Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986
subsection 196B(2)

1. Being of the view that there is sound medical-scientific evidence that indicates that **Jakob-Creutzfeldt disease and death from Jakob-Creutzfeldt 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 **Jakob-Creutzfeldt disease or death from Jakob-Creutzfeldt disease** with the circumstances of that service, are:
 - (a) undergoing a course of treatment with human pituitary growth hormone before the clinical onset of Jakob-Creutzfeldt disease; or
 - (b) undergoing a course of treatment with human pituitary gonadotrophins before the clinical onset of Jakob-Creutzfeldt disease; or
 - (c) undergoing surgery to the central nervous system or cornea before the clinical onset of Jakob-Creutzfeldt disease; or
 - (d) undergoing a dura mater graft before the clinical onset of Jakob-Creutzfeldt disease.

2. At least one of the factors set out in paragraphs **1(a) to 1(d)** must be related to any service rendered by a person.
3. For the purposes of this Statement of Principles:

“Jakob-Creutzfeldt disease” also known as **“Creutzfeldt-Jacob disease”** also known as **“CJD”** means a rare, transmissible spongiform encephalopathy in which there is a partial degeneration of the pyramidal and extra-pyramidal systems accompanied by progressive dementia and sometimes wasting of the muscles, tremor, athetosis and spastic dysarthria and attracting ICD code 046.1 or, with dementia, 290.1;

“dura mater graft” means an operation to repair a deficiency in the dura mater with a graft from a donor;

“human pituitary gonadotrophins” means gonadotrophin material obtained from the human pituitary and used to treat infertility;

“human pituitary growth hormone” means hormone material obtained from the human pituitary and used to treat growth failure;

“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 _____ day of _____ 1995

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

KEN DONALD
CHAIRMAN