

## Revocation and Determination

of

## Statement of Principles concerning

# COLORECTAL ADENOMATOUS POLYP OR FAMILIAL ADENOMATOUS POLYPOSIS

ICD CODES: 211.3, 211.4

### *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*

1. The Repatriation Medical Authority under subsection **196B(2)** of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* (the Act):
  - (a) revokes Instrument No.21 of 1996; and
  - (b) determines the following Statement of Principles.

#### **Kind of injury, disease or death**

2. (a) This Statement of Principles is about **colorectal adenomatous polyp or familial adenomatous polyposis and death from colorectal adenomatous polyp or familial adenomatous polyposis**.
  - (b) For the purposes of this Statement of Principles:
    - (i) **“colorectal adenomatous polyp”** means a benign epithelial tumour in which the cells form recognisable glandular structures and which arises in the mucous membrane of the large intestine, excluding benign neoplasms of the anal canal and familial adenomatous polyposis; and

- (ii) **“familial adenomatous polyposis”** means an inherited autosomal dominant disorder characterised by the formation of numerous (hundreds or thousands) adenomas, usually colorectal although extracolonic manifestations may occur,

attracting ICD code 211.3 or 211.4.

### **Basis for determining the factors**

3. The Repatriation Medical Authority is of the view that there is sound medical-scientific evidence that indicates that **colorectal adenomatous polyp or familial adenomatous polyposis** can be related to relevant service rendered by veterans, members of Peacekeeping Forces, or members of the Forces.

### **Factors that must be related to service**

4. Subject to clause 6, the factors set out in at least one of the paragraphs in clause 5 must be related to any relevant service rendered by the person.

### **Factors**

5. The factors that must as a minimum exist before it can be said that a reasonable hypothesis has been raised connecting **colorectal adenomatous polyp or familial adenomatous polyposis** or **death from colorectal adenomatous polyp or familial adenomatous polyposis** with the circumstances of a person’s relevant service are:
- (a) for colorectal adenomatous polyp only, smoking cigarettes or other tobacco products equivalent to at least 10 pack years within any 20 year period before the clinical onset of a colorectal adenomatous polyp; or
  - (b) for colorectal adenomatous polyp only, drinking at least 250 kilograms of alcohol (contained within alcoholic drinks) within any 20 year period before the clinical onset of a colorectal adenomatous polyp; or
  - (c) for colorectal adenomatous polyp only, having had an altered dietary pattern resulting in a 50% increase in animal fat consumption and a 50% decrease in dietary fibre consumption for at least 20 years before the clinical onset of a colorectal adenomatous polyp; or
  - (d) inability to obtain appropriate clinical management for colorectal adenomatous polyp or familial adenomatous polyposis.

## **Factors that apply only to material contribution or aggravation**

6. Paragraph 5(d) applies only to material contribution to, or aggravation of, colorectal adenomatous polyp or familial adenomatous polyposis where the person's colorectal adenomatous polyp or familial adenomatous polyposis was suffered or contracted before or during (but not arising out of) the person's relevant service; paragraph 8(1)(e), 9(1)(e), 70(5)(d) or 70(5A)(d) of the Act refers.

## **Other definitions**

7. For the purposes of this Statement of Principles:

**“alcohol (contained within alcoholic drinks)”** is measured by the alcohol consumption calculations utilising the Australian Standard of 10 grams of alcohol per standard alcoholic drink;

**“animal fat”** means fat contained in or derived from:

(a) beef, veal, pork, mutton, lamb or offal which may be in any form, for example, main dish, sandwich or mixed dish; in preserved meats, ham, frankfurters, sausages, salami, bologna, deli meat items, lard and bacon; and

(b) dairy products, for example: milk, cream, sour cream, sherbet or ice milk, icecream, yogurt, cottage cheese, ricotta cheese, cream cheese, other cheese and butter;

**“dietary fibre”** means that part of food consumed, particularly in vegetables, fruits and cereals, that resists digestion by gastrointestinal enzymes in the gastrointestinal tract;

**“ICD code”** means a number assigned to a particular kind of injury or disease in the Australian Version of The International Classification of Diseases, 9th revision, Clinical Modification (ICD-9-CM), effective date of 1 July 1995, copyrighted by the National Coding Centre, Faculty of Health Sciences, University of Sydney, NSW, and having ISBN 0 642 22235 5;

**“pack-year”** means 7300 cigarettes, or 1460 cigars, or 7.3kg of pipe tobacco;

**“relevant service”** means:

- (a) operational service; or  
(b) peacekeeping service; or  
(c) hazardous service.

**Application**

8. This Instrument applies to all matters to which section 120A of the Act applies.

Dated this *Eighteenth* day of *June* 1996

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

KEN DONALD  
CHAIRMAN