

REVOKED

Determination

of

Statement of Principles concerning

SEBORRHOEIC DERMATITIS

ICD CODE: 690

Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986

1. This Statement of Principles is determined by the Repatriation Medical Authority under subsection **196B(2)** of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* (the Act).

Kind of injury, disease or death

2. (a) This Statement of Principles is about **seborrhoeic dermatitis** and **death from seborrhoeic dermatitis**.

(b) For the purposes of this Statement of Principles, “**seborrhoeic dermatitis**” means a form of exfoliative, chronic dermatitis involving areas of increased sebaceous gland activity, characteristically affecting the scalp, face, ears or the flexural creases of the remainder of the body, attracting ICD code 690.

Basis for determining the factors

3. The Repatriation Medical Authority is of the view that there is sound medical-scientific evidence that indicates that **seborrhoeic dermatitis** 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 **seborrhoeic dermatitis** or **death from seborrhoeic dermatitis** with the circumstances of a person's relevant service are:
 - (a) suffering from human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) at the time of the clinical onset of seborrhoeic dermatitis; or
 - (b) suffering from human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) at the time of the clinical worsening of seborrhoeic dermatitis; or
 - (c) inability to obtain appropriate clinical management for seborrhoeic dermatitis.

Factors that apply only to material contribution or aggravation

6. Paragraphs **5(b) to 5(c)** apply only to material contribution to, or aggravation of, seborrhoeic dermatitis where the person's seborrhoeic dermatitis 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:

“human immunodeficiency virus (HIV)” means infection with one of the human retroviruses HIV-1 or HIV-2 which are of the lentivirus subfamily and are characterised by a genome containing, as well as the genes, *gag*, *pol* and *env*, at least six other genes (*tat*, *rev*, *nef*, *vif*, *vpr*, *vpu* (HIV-1 only) and *vpx* (HIV-2 only) that encode for proteins which are involved in the regulation of HIV expression, attracting ICD code 042 or 079.53;

“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;

“relevant service” means:

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

Dated this *Eighteenth* day of *April* 1996

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

KEN DONALD
CHAIRMAN