

**Revocation and Determination**  
of  
**Statement of Principles**  
concerning  
**SEBORRHOEIC DERMATITIS**

**ICD-9-CM CODES: 690.10, 690.11, 690.18**

*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.49 of 1996; and
  - (b) determines in its place the following Statement of Principles.

**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-9-CM code 690.10, 690.11 or 690.18.

**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 and death from 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, at least one of the factors set out 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) being infected with Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) at the time of the clinical onset of seborrhoeic dermatitis; or
  - (b) suffering from Parkinson's disease or Parkinson's syndrome at the time of the clinical onset of seborrhoeic dermatitis; or
  - (c) suffering from an injury, or a physical or psychiatric disease which limits the person's ability to maintain personal hygiene of the affected area for a period of at least two weeks immediately before the clinical onset of seborrhoeic dermatitis; or
  - (d) being infected with Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) at the time of the clinical worsening of seborrhoeic dermatitis; or
  - (e) suffering from Parkinson's disease or Parkinson's syndrome at the time of the clinical worsening of seborrhoeic dermatitis; or
  - (f) suffering from a condition from the specified list for a period of at least two weeks immediately before the clinical worsening of seborrhoeic dermatitis; or
  - (g) inability to obtain appropriate clinical management for seborrhoeic dermatitis.

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

6. Paragraphs **5(d) to 5(g)** 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.

#### **Inclusion of Statements of Principles**

7. In this Statement of Principles if a relevant factor applies and that factor includes an injury or disease in respect of which there is a Statement of Principles then the factors in that last mentioned Statement of Principles apply in accordance with the terms of that Statement of Principles.

### **Other definitions**

8. For the purposes of this Statement of Principles:

**“being infected with Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV)”** means serological evidence of infection with Human Immunodeficiency Virus;

**“condition from the specified list”** means one of the following:

- (a) schizophrenia; or
- (b) major depressive disorder; or
- (c) bipolar depressive disorder; or
- (d) panic disorder with agoraphobia; or
- (e) spinal cord injury;

**“death from seborrhoeic dermatitis”** in relation to a person includes death from a terminal event or condition that was contributed to by the person’s seborrhoeic dermatitis;

**ICD-9-CM 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 1996, copyrighted by the National Coding Centre, Faculty of Health Sciences, University of Sydney, NSW, and having ISBN 0 642 24447 2;

**“relevant service”** means:

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

**“terminal event”** means the proximate or ultimate cause of death and includes:

- a) pneumonia;
- b) respiratory failure;
- c) cardiac arrest;
- d) circulatory failure; or
- e) cessation of brain function.

**Application**

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

Dated this *Twenty-Fourth* day of *June* 1999

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

KEN DONALD  
CHAIRMAN