

Amendment of Statement of Principles
concerning

THORACIC SPONDYLOSIS

**ICD-10-AM CODES:
M47.14, M47.15, M47.24, M47.25,
M47.84, M47.85, M47.94, M47.95, M51.3**

Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986

1. The Repatriation Medical Authority amends, under subsection 196B(2) of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* (the Act), Instrument No.48 of 2002 by:
 - A. in paragraph 5, deleting factor (g) and factor (t) and inserting in their place the following factors:
 - “(g) suffering an injury to the thoracic spine which has resulted in permanent ligamentous instability of the thoracic spine before the clinical onset of thoracic spondylosis; or”
 - “(t) suffering an injury to the thoracic spine which has resulted in permanent ligamentous instability of the thoracic spine before the clinical worsening of thoracic spondylosis; or”
 - B. in paragraph 8, deleting the definition of “**permanent ligamentous instability**” and inserting in its place the following definition:

“**permanent ligamentous instability of the thoracic spine**’ means radiological evidence on flexion and extension lateral radiographs of anteroposterior motion of one vertebra over another that is greater than 2.5 mm in the thoracic spine;”

2. The amendments made by this instrument apply to all matters to which Instrument No.48 of 2002 and section 120A of the Act apply.

Dated this *Twenty-First* day of *November* 2002

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

KEN DONALD
CHAIRMAN