

Amendment of Statement of Principles
concerning

CERVICAL SPONDYLOSIS

ICD-10-AM CODES:

**M47.01, M47.02, M47.03, M47.11, M47.12,
M47.13, M47.21, M47.22, M47.23, M47.81,
M47.82, M47.83, M47.91, M47.92, M47.93, M50.3**

Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986

1. The Repatriation Medical Authority amends, under subsection 196B(3) of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* (the Act), Instrument No.51 of 2002 by:
 - A. in paragraph 5, deleting factor (f) and factor (r) and inserting in their place the following factors:
 - “(f) suffering an injury to the cervical spine which has resulted in permanent ligamentous instability of the cervical spine before the clinical onset of cervical spondylosis; or”
 - “(r) suffering an injury to the cervical spine which has resulted in permanent ligamentous instability of the cervical spine before the clinical worsening of cervical 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 cervical spine**’ means radiological evidence on flexion and extension lateral radiographs of either:

- (i) anteroposterior motion of one vertebra over another that is greater than 3.5 mm in the cervical spine, or
- (ii) angular motion at the level in question that is more than 11 degrees greater than at either adjacent level;”

2. The amendments made by this instrument apply to all matters to which Instrument No.51 of 2002 and section 120B 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