



**Australian Government**  
**Repatriation Medical Authority**

Amendment Statement of Principles  
concerning

**SUBDURAL HAEMATOMA**

**No. 43 of 2019**

for the purposes of the

*Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*  
and

*Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004*

1. This Instrument may be cited as Amendment Statement of Principles concerning subdural haematoma No. 43 of 2019.
2. The Repatriation Medical Authority amends, under subsection 196B(8) of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*, Statement of Principles concerning subdural haematoma Instrument No. 33 of 2011 (Federal Register of Legislation No. F2011L00784) by:
  - (A) Repealing factors "(e)" and "(h)" in clause 6 and substituting the following:
    - "(e) undergoing antithrombotic therapy within the two weeks before the clinical onset of subdural haematoma; or";
    - "(h) undergoing antithrombotic therapy within the two weeks before the clinical worsening of subdural haematoma; or";
  - (B) Inserting new factors "(ea)" and "(ha)" following factors "(e)" and "(h)" respectively, in clause 6 as follows:
    - "(ea) taking at least 700 milligrams of aspirin within a seven day period before the clinical onset of subdural haematoma, where the last dose was received within the seven days before the clinical onset of subdural haematoma; or";
    - "(ha) taking at least 700 milligrams of aspirin within a seven day period before the clinical worsening of subdural haematoma, where the last dose was received within the seven days before the clinical worsening of subdural haematoma; or";

(C) Inserting the following definition of "antithrombotic therapy" in clause 9 in alphabetical order:

**"antithrombotic therapy"** means taking a drug for the treatment or prophylaxis of a thrombotic event, and includes antiplatelet drugs, anticoagulants and thrombolytic agents;

Note: Examples of drugs used in antithrombotic therapy include, but are not limited to, aspirin, clopidogrel, tirofiban, warfarin, heparin, dabigatran, apixaban, rivaroxaban and alteplase.'; and

(D) Deleting the definition of "a drug from the specified list" in clause 9.

3. The amendments made by this instrument commence on 25 March 2019.

Dated 1 March 2019

The Common Seal of the )  
Repatriation Medical Authority )  
was affixed to this instrument )  
at the direction of: )



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