

Statement of Principles

concerning

EXTERNAL BURNS

ICD CODES: 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946 & 949

Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986
subsection 196B(2)

1. Being of the view that there is sound medical-scientific evidence that indicates that **external burn and death from external burn** can be related to operational service rendered by veterans, peacekeeping service rendered by members of Peacekeeping forces and hazardous service rendered by members of the Forces, the Repatriation Medical Authority determines, under subsection 196B(2) of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*, that the factors that must as a minimum exist before it can be said that a reasonable hypothesis has been raised connecting **external burn or death from external burn** with the circumstances of that service, are:
 - (a) application of heat to the external body;
 - (b) application of extreme cold to the external body;
 - (c) application of chemicals, caustics, acid or ionising radiation to the external body;
 - (d) application of friction to the external body;
 - (e) inability to obtain appropriate clinical management for an external burn.
2. Subject to clause 3 (below) at least one of the factors set out in paragraphs 1(a) to 1(e) must be related to any service rendered by a person.

