

# Statement of Principles

concerning

## **VON WILLEBRAND'S DISEASE**

**ICD CODE: 286.4**

Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986  
subsection 196B(2)

1. Being of the view that there is sound medical-scientific evidence that indicates that **von Willebrand's disease and death from von Willebrand's disease** 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 **von Willebrand's disease or death from von Willebrand's disease** with the circumstances of that service, are:
  - (a) suffering physical trauma before the clinical worsening of von Willebrand's disease; or
  - (b) treatment with drugs that interfere with platelet function before the clinical worsening of von Willebrand's disease; or
  - (c) inability to obtain appropriate clinical management for von Willebrand's disease.
2. Subject to clause 3 (below) at least one of the factors set out in paragraphs **1(a) to (c)** must be related to any service rendered by a person.
3. The factors set out in paragraphs **1(a) to 1(c)** apply only where:

