

Statement of Principles  
concerning  
**VON WILLEBRAND'S DISEASE**

ICD CODE: 286.4

Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986  
subsection 196B(3)

1. Being of the view that, on the sound medical-scientific evidence available to the Repatriation Medical Authority, it is more probable than not that **von Willebrand's disease and death from von Willebrand's disease** can be related to eligible war service (other than operational service) rendered by veterans and defence service (other than hazardous service) rendered by members of the Forces, the Repatriation Medical Authority determines, under subsection 196B(3) of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*, that the factors that must exist before it can be said that, on the balance of probabilities, **von Willebrand's disease or death from von Willebrand's disease** is connected 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:

