

Statement of Principles  
concerning  
**ANALGESIC NEPHROPATHY**

ICD CODE: 583.89

Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986  
subsection 196B(2)

1. Being of the view that there is sound medical-scientific evidence that indicates that **analgesic nephropathy and death from analgesic nephropathy** 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 **analgesic nephropathy or death from analgesic nephropathy** with the circumstances of that service, are:
  - (a) chronic analgesic abuse; or
  - (b) inability to obtain appropriate clinical management for analgesic nephropathy.
2. Subject to clause 3 (below) at least one of the factors set out in paragraphs **1(a) and 1(b)** must be related to any service rendered by a person.
3. The factor set out in paragraph **1(b)** applies only where:

