

REVOKED

Statement of Principles

concerning

GOUT

ICD CODES: 274, 984

Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986
subsection 196B(2)

1. Being of the view that there is sound medical-scientific evidence that indicates that **gout and death from gout** 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 **gout or death from gout** with the circumstances of that service, are:
 - (a) presence of one of the following diseases not more than 180 days prior to the clinical onset of gout:
 - (i) active systemic leukaemia; or
 - (ii) myeloid metaplasia; or
 - (iii) polycythaemia vera; or
 - (iv) multiple myeloma; or
 - (b) administration to the person of one or more of the following substances not more than 28 days prior to the clinical onset of gout:

- (i) thiazide diuretic; or
 - (ii) acetyl-salicylic acid (aspirin); or
 - (iii) nicotinic acid; or
 - (iv) pyrazinamide; or
 - (v) ethambutol; or
- (c) lead nephropathy prior to the clinical onset of gout; or
- (d) presence of one of the following diseases not more than 180 days prior to the clinical worsening of gout:
- (i) active systemic leukaemia; or
 - (ii) myeloid metaplasia; or
 - (iii) polycythaemia vera; or
 - (iv) multiple myeloma; or
- (e) administration to the person of one of the following substances not more than 28 days prior to the clinical worsening of gout:
- (i) thiazide diuretics; or
 - (ii) acetyl-salicylic acid (aspirin); or
 - (iii) nicotinic acid; or
 - (iv) pyrazinamide; or
 - (v) ethambutol; or
- (f) lead nephropathy prior to the clinical worsening of gout; or
- (g) inability to obtain appropriate clinical management for gout.
2. Subject to clause 3 (below) at least one of the factors set out in paragraphs **1(a) to 1(g)** must be related to any service rendered by a person.
3. The factors set out in paragraphs **1(d) to 1(g)** apply only where:
- (a) the person's **gout** was contracted prior to a period, or part of a period, of service to which the factor is related; and
 - (b) the relationship suggested between the **gout** and the particular service of a person is a relationship set out in paragraph 8(1)(e), 9(1)(e), 70(5)(d), or 70(5A)(d) of the Act.
4. For the purposes of this Statement of Principles:

“ICD code” means a number assigned to a particular kind of injury or disease in the *International Classification of Diseases* 9th Revision, US Department of Health and Human Services, Pub. No 80-1260;

