Statement of Principles

concerning

OSTEOGENESIS IMPERFECTA

ICD CODE: 756.51

Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986 subsection 196B(2)

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

- (a) the person's **osteogenesis imperfecta** was suffered prior to a period, or part of a period, of service to which the factor is related; and
- (b) the relationship suggested between the **osteogenesis imperfecta** 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 tenth edition of the *International Classification of Diseases* 9th Revision, effective date of 1 October 1993, copyrighted by the US Commission on Professional and Hospital Activities, and having the Library of Congress number 77-94472;

"osteogenesis imperfecta" means an inherited disorder of collagen biosynthesis which makes bones brittle due to generalised decrease in bone mass, attracting ICD code 756.51;

"physical trauma" means an injury to the body caused by the force of an extraneous physical or mechanical agent.

Dated this	day of	1995
The Common Seal of the)	
Repatriation Medical Authority)	
was affixed to this instrument)	
in the presence of:)	

KEN DONALD CHAIRMAN