

REVOKED

Statement of Principles

concerning

MALIGNANT NEOPLASM OF THE LIVER

ICD CODE: 155.0

Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986
subsection 196B(2)

1. Being of the view that there is sound medical-scientific evidence that indicates that **malignant neoplasm of the liver and death from malignant neoplasm of the liver** 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 **malignant neoplasm of the liver or death from malignant neoplasm of the liver** with the circumstances of that service, are:
 - (a) contracting hepatic cirrhosis before the clinical onset of the malignant neoplasm of the liver; or
 - (b) being infected with hepatitis B before the clinical onset of the malignant neoplasm of the liver; or
 - (c) being infected with hepatitis C before the clinical onset of the malignant neoplasm of the liver; or
 - (d) being occupationally exposed in the manufacture of vinyl chloride before the clinical onset of the malignant neoplasm of the liver; or

- (e) being heavily occupationally exposed to organic solvents before the clinical onset of the malignant neoplasm of the liver; or
 - (f) inability to obtain appropriate clinical management for the malignant neoplasm of the liver.
2. Subject to clause 3 (below) at least one of the factors set out in paragraphs **1(a) to 1(f)** must be related to any service rendered by a person.
3. The factor set out in paragraph **1(f)** applies only where:
- (a) the person's **malignant neoplasm of the liver** 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 **malignant neoplasm of the liver** 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:

“hepatic cirrhosis” means liver disease characterised by diffuse interlacing bands of fibrous tissue dividing the hepatic parenchyma into micronodular or macronodular areas, attracting an ICD code in the range 571.2 to 571.9;

“hepatitis B” means an infection with a partially double stranded deoxyribonucleic (DNA) acid virus which results in antigens to hepatitis B, and attracts ICD code 070.2 or 070.3.

“hepatitis C” means an infection with a positive strand ribonucleic acid (RNA) virus which results in antigens to hepatitis C and attracts an ICD code of 070.41 or 070.51.

“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;

“malignant neoplasm of the liver” means a malignant proliferation of the cells of the liver, attracting an ICD code of 155.0;

“organic solvents” means organic compounds containing chlorinated hydrocarbons.

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