

REVOKED

## Statement of Principles

concerning

# OPEN-ANGLE GLAUCOMA

ICD CODE: 365.1

Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986  
subsection 196B(2)

1. Being of the view that there is sound medical-scientific evidence that indicates that **open-angle glaucoma** and **death from open-angle glaucoma** 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* (the Act), that the factor that must as a minimum exist before it can be said that a reasonable hypothesis has been raised connecting **open-angle glaucoma** or **death from open-angle glaucoma** with the circumstances of that service, is:
  - (a) inability to obtain appropriate clinical management for the open-angle glaucoma.
2. Subject to clause 3 (below) the factor set out in paragraph **1(a)** must be related to any service rendered by a person.
3. The factor set out in paragraph **1(a)** applies only where:

- (a) the person's **open-angle glaucoma** developed before a period, or part of a period, of service to which the factor related; and
- (b) the relationship suggested between the **open-angle glaucoma** 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;

**“open-angle glaucoma”** means one of a group of eye diseases characterised by an increase in intraocular pressure which causes pathological changes in the optic disk and typical defects in the field of vision, in which the angle of the anterior chamber remains open, but with relative obstruction to aqueous outflow, attracting ICD code 365.1.

Dated this **Twenty-first** day of **June**  
1995

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

KEN DONALD  
CHAIRMAN