

# REVOKED

## Statement of Principles

concerning

# MALIGNANT NEOPLASM OF THE CERVIX

ICD CODE: 180

Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986  
subsection 196B(3)

1. Being of the view that, on the sound medical-scientific evidence available to the Repatriation Medical Authority, it is more probable than not that **malignant neoplasm of the cervix** and **death from malignant neoplasm of the cervix** can be related to eligible war service (other than operational service) rendered by veterans and defence service (other than hazardous service) rendered by members of the Forces, the Repatriation Medical Authority determines, under subsection 196B(3) of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* (the Act), that the factors that must exist before it can be said that, on the balance of probabilities, **malignant neoplasm of the cervix** or **death from malignant neoplasm of the cervix** is connected with the circumstances of that service, are:
  - (a) being infected with human papilloma virus (HPV) before the clinical onset of malignant neoplasm of the cervix; or
  - (b) being in an immuno-compromised state as a result of primary renal disease or renal transplantation before the clinical onset of malignant neoplasm of the cervix; or
  - (c) inability to obtain appropriate clinical management for malignant neoplasm of the cervix.

2. Subject to clause 3 (below) at least one of the factors set out in subparagraph **1(a) to 1(c)** must be related to any service rendered by a person.
3. The factor set out in paragraph **1(c)** applies only where:
  - (a) the person's **malignant neoplasm of the cervix** was contracted before 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 cervix** and the particular service of a person is a relationship set out in paragraph 8(1)(e), 9(1)(e), or 70(5)(d) of the Act.
4. For the purposes of this Statement of Principles:

**“human papilloma virus (HPV)”** means a strain of HPV which causes warts, particularly planter and genital warts, on the skin and mucous membranes, transmitted by direct or indirect contact, attracting ICD code 078.1. Infection by HPV can be presumed if a person has had a history of clinical disease caused by HPV or has engaged in sexual activity in circumstances where the likelihood of HPV infection was significantly increased, provided that there is no evidence of significantly greater risk of HPV infection from sources not related to service;

**“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;

**“immuno-compromised state”** means a state where the immune response has been attenuated by administration of immunosuppressive drugs, or by irradiation, certain types of infection, malnutrition, or a malignant disease process;

**“malignant neoplasm of the cervix”** means a malignancy, attracting ICD code 180, affecting that part of the uterus that is joined to the uterine corpus by the isthmus.

Dated this **Thirteenth** day of **April**  
1995

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

KEN DONALD  
CHAIRMAN