

Statement of Principles

concerning

INFLAMMATORY PERIODONTAL DISEASE

ICD CODES: 522.4 - 522.8, 523.0, 523.1, 523.3 - 523.5

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 **inflammatory periodontal disease** and **death from inflammatory periodontal disease** 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, **inflammatory periodontal disease** or **death from inflammatory periodontal disease** is connected with the circumstances of that service, are:
 - (a) inability to maintain oral hygiene for a period of at least the 90 days immediately before the clinical onset of inflammatory periodontal disease; or
 - (b) inability to obtain appropriate clinical management for the inflammatory periodontal disease.
2. Subject to clause 3 (below) at least one of the factors set out in paragraphs **1(a) to 1(b)** must be related to any service rendered by a person.
3. The factor set out in paragraph **1(b)** applies only where:

