

Statement of Principles

concerning

MARFAN SYNDROME

ICD CODE: 759.82

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 **Marfan syndrome and death from Marfan syndrome** 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*, that the factor that must exist before it can be said that, on the balance of probabilities, **Marfan syndrome or death from Marfan syndrome** is connected with the circumstances of that service, is:
 - (a) pregnancy before or during the clinical worsening of Marfan syndrome; or
 - (b) inability to obtain appropriate clinical management for the Marfan syndrome.
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:
 - (a) the person's **Marfan syndrome** was suffered prior to a period, or part of a period, of service to which the factor is related; and

