

# Amendment of Statement of Principles

concerning

## **ACUTE PANCREATITIS**

**ICD-9-CM CODES: 577.0, 577.2**

### Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986

1. The Repatriation Medical Authority amends, under subsection 196B(2) of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* (the Act), Instrument No.45 of 1997, (Statement of Principles concerning acute pancreatitis), by:

- A. adding a new clause 6A after clause 6 as follows:

**“6A.** In this Statement of Principles if a relevant factor applies and that factor includes an injury or disease in respect of which there is a Statement of Principles then the factors in that last mentioned Statement of Principles apply in accordance with the terms of that Statement of Principles.”;

- B. inserting after the definition of “clonorchiasis” in clause 7, the following definition of “death from acute pancreatitis”:

**“death from acute pancreatitis’** in relation to a person includes death from a terminal event or condition that was contributed to by the person’s acute pancreatitis;”;

- C. inserting after the definition of “systemic vasculitis” in clause 7, the following definition of “terminal event”:

**“terminal event’** means the proximate or ultimate cause of death and includes:

- a) pneumonia;
- b) respiratory failure;

- c) cardiac arrest;
- d) circulatory failure; or
- e) cessation of brain function.”.

D. omitting “Table 1” from the “SCHEDULE” after the definitions in clause 7, and replacing it with the following:

**Table 1**  
**Agents where acute pancreatitis has occurred**  
**within one month of commencing therapy**  
6-mercaptopurine  
azathioprine  
erythromycin  
frusemide  
metronidazole  
nitrofurantoin  
sulphonamides  
tetracycline  
IV or oral corticosteroids

2. The amendments made by this instrument apply to all matters to which Instrument No.45 of 1997 and section 120A of the Act apply.

Dated this *Thirteenth* day of *October* 1998

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

KEN DONALD  
CHAIRMAN