

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(3) of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* (the Act), Instrument No.46 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.46 of 1997 and section 120B 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