

Amendment of Statement of Principles

concerning

MALIGNANT NEOPLASM OF THE STOMACH

ICD CODE: 151

Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986

1. The Repatriation Medical Authority amends, under subsection 196B(3) of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* (the Act), Instrument No.68 of 1997, (Statement of Principles concerning malignant neoplasm of the stomach), by:
 - A. omitting the definition of "malignant neoplasm of the stomach" in paragraph 2(b) and replacing it with the following:

“(b) For the purposes of this Statement of Principles **'malignant neoplasm of the stomach'** means a primary malignant neoplasm arising from the cells of the stomach, attracting ICD code 151, but excluding soft tissue sarcoma, non-Hodgkin's lymphoma and Hodgkin's disease. The stomach is defined as the structure which extends from the lower border of the oesophageal sphincter, to, and including, the pyloric sphincter.

Notes to user (these notes do not form part of this instrument):

1. If the primary malignant neoplasm is histologically an adenocarcinoma and it arises on or close to the oesophagogastric junction, such that its site of origin cannot be determined, the factors for both the malignant neoplasm of the stomach and the malignant neoplasm of the oesophagus Statements of Principles should be considered.
2. If soft tissue sarcoma, non-Hodgkin's lymphoma or Hodgkin's disease of the stomach is claimed, reference is to be made to the relevant Statement of Principles for that disease.”.

2. The amendments made by this instrument apply to all matters to which Instrument No.68 of 1997 and section 120B of the Act apply.

Dated this *Twenty-second* day of *January*
1998

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

KEN DONALD
CHAIRMAN