

Determination
of
Statement of Principles
concerning
MULTIPLE OSTEochondROMATOSIS

ICD-9-CM CODE: 756.4

Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986

1. This Statement of Principles is determined by the Repatriation Medical Authority under subsection **196B(2)** of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* (the Act).

Kind of injury, disease or death

2. (a) This Statement of Principles is about **multiple osteochondromatosis** and **death from multiple osteochondromatosis**.
- (b) For the purposes of this Statement of Principles,

“multiple osteochondromatosis” means a congenital condition marked by the presence of multiple osteochondromas, which are benign tumours consisting of bone capped by cartilage projecting from the lateral contours of endochondral bones, most commonly the long bones, pelvis, scapulae and ribs, attracting ICD-9-CM code 756.4. This definition excludes synovial osteochondromatosis.

Basis for determining the factors

3. The Repatriation Medical Authority is of the view that there is sound medical-scientific evidence that indicates that **multiple osteochondromatosis** and **death from multiple osteochondromatosis** can be related to relevant service rendered by veterans, members of Peacekeeping Forces, or members of the Forces.

Factors that must be related to service

4. Subject to clause 6, the factor set out in clause 5 must be related to any relevant service rendered by the person.

Factors

5. The factor that must as a minimum exist before it can be said that a reasonable hypothesis has been raised connecting **multiple osteochondromatosis** or **death from multiple osteochondromatosis** with the circumstances of a person's relevant service is:
 - (a) inability to obtain appropriate clinical management for multiple osteochondromatosis.

Factors that apply only to material contribution or aggravation

6. Paragraph 5(a) applies only to material contribution to, or aggravation of, multiple osteochondromatosis where the person's multiple osteochondromatosis was suffered or contracted before or during (but not arising out of) the person's relevant service; paragraph 8(1)(e), 9(1)(e), 70(5)(d) or 70(5A)(d) of the Act refers.

Inclusion of Statements of Principles

7. 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.

Other definitions

8. For the purposes of this Statement of Principles:

“death from multiple osteochondromatosis” in relation to a person includes death from a terminal event or condition that was contributed to by the person's multiple osteochondromatosis;

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“relevant service” means:

- (a) operational service; or
- (b) peacekeeping service; or
- (c) hazardous service;

“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.

Dated this *Fourteenth* day of *January* 1999

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

KEN DONALD
CHAIRMAN