

**Revocation**

of

Statement of Principles  
concerning

**COLORECTAL ADENOMATOUS POLYP  
OR FAMILIAL ADENOMATOUS  
POLYPOSIS**

and

**Determination**

of

Statement of Principles  
concerning

**FAMILIAL ADENOMATOUS POLYPOSIS**

*Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*

1. The Repatriation Medical Authority under subsection **196B(3)** of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* (the Act):
  - (a) revokes Instrument No.92 of 1996 concerning colorectal adenomatous polyp or familial adenomatous polyposis; and
  - (b) determines in its place the following Statement of Principles concerning familial adenomatous polyposis.

**Kind of injury, disease or death**

2. (a) This Statement of Principles is about **familial adenomatous polyposis** and **death from familial adenomatous polyposis**.

- (b) For the purposes of this Statement of Principles, “**familial adenomatous polyposis**” means an inherited autosomal dominant syndrome caused by germ-line mutation of the adenomatous polyposis coli gene, characterised by the formation of more than 100 colorectal adenomas.

### **Basis for determining the factors**

3. After examining the available sound medical-scientific evidence the Repatriation Medical Authority is of the view that it is more probable than not on the sound medical-scientific evidence available, that the only factor that can be related to the cause of or material contribution to or aggravation of **familial adenomatous polyposis** or **death from familial adenomatous polyposis** and which can be related to relevant service is that set out in clause 4.

### **Factors that must be related to service**

4. The factor that must exist before it can be said that, on the balance of probabilities, in relation to the circumstances of a person’s relevant service causing or materially contributing to or aggravating **familial adenomatous polyposis** or **death from familial adenomatous polyposis** is inability to obtain appropriate clinical management for familial adenomatous polyposis.

### **Other definitions**

5. For the purposes of this Statement of Principles:

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

“**relevant service**” means:

- (a) eligible war service (other than operational service); or
- (b) defence service (other than 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.

**Application**

6. This Instrument applies to all matters to which section 120B of the Act applies.

Dated this *Sixth* day of *August* 2002

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

KEN DONALD  
CHAIRMAN