

**Revocation and Determination**  
of  
**Statement of Principles**  
concerning  
**PARKINSON'S DISEASE**  
**ICD-10-AM CODE: G20**  
*Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*

1. The Repatriation Medical Authority under subsection **196B(2)** of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* (the Act):
  - (a) revokes Instrument No.68 of 1999; and
  - (b) determines in its place the following Statement of Principles.

**Kind of injury, disease or death**

2. (a) This Statement of Principles is about **Parkinson's disease and death from Parkinson's disease**.
- (b) For the purposes of this Statement of Principles "**Parkinson's disease**" means an idiopathic degenerative disease of the basal ganglia, characterised by the presence of any two of the features of bradykinesia, muscular rigidity or a rest tremor of 4-5 Hz, but excludes secondary parkinsonism, and parkinsonism associated with other forms of extra pyramidal, basal ganglia or striatopallidal disease including multiple system atrophy, progressive supranuclear palsy, Huntington's disease, Alzheimer's disease, syphilis, dementia pugilistica, benign essential tremor or arteriosclerotic pseudoparkinsonism. Parkinson's disease attracts ICD-10-AM code G20.

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

3. After examining the available sound medical-scientific evidence the Repatriation Medical Authority is of the view that there is sound medical-scientific evidence that indicates that the only factor that may be related to the cause of or material contribution to or aggravation of **Parkinson's disease** or **death from Parkinson's disease** 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 as a minimum exist in relation to the circumstances of a person's relevant service causing or materially contributing to or aggravating **Parkinson's disease** or **death from Parkinson's disease** is inability to obtain appropriate clinical management for Parkinson's disease.

### **Other definitions**

5. For the purposes of this Statement of Principles:

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

**“ICD-10-AM code”** means a number assigned to a particular kind of injury or disease in The International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems, 10th revision, Australian Modification (ICD-10-AM), Second Edition, effective date of 1 July 2000, copyrighted by the National Centre for Classification in Health, Sydney, NSW, and having ISBN 1 86487 271 3. Where in this Statement of Principles an ICD code is referenced, such reference is not to constrain or limit the proper meaning of the definition or words preceding the alphanumeric code reference;

**“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.

**Application**

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

Dated this **Sixteenth** day of **April**  
2002

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

KEN DONALD  
CHAIRMAN