

Statement of Principles
concerning

FIBROMUSCULAR DYSPLASIA

No. 61 of 2008

for the purposes of the

Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986

and

Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004

Title

1. This Instrument may be cited as Statement of Principles concerning fibromuscular dysplasia No. 61 of 2008.

Determination

2. The Repatriation Medical Authority under subsection **196B(3)** and **(8)** of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* (the VEA):
 - (a) revokes Instrument No. 52 of 1997 concerning fibromuscular dysplasia; and
 - (b) determines in its place this Statement of Principles.

Kind of injury, disease or death

3.
 - (a) This Statement of Principles is about **fibromuscular dysplasia** and **death from fibromuscular dysplasia**.
 - (b) For the purposes of this Statement of Principles, "**fibromuscular dysplasia**" means a nonatherosclerotic, noninflammatory segmental stenosing disease of the muscle layer of arterial walls, with or without focal aneurysmal outpouchings of the affected artery. The disease commonly involves medium-sized arteries and is most often found in the renal artery and the internal carotid artery.
 - (c) Fibromuscular dysplasia attracts ICD-10-AM code I77.3.

- (d) In the application of this Statement of Principles, the definition of **"fibromuscular dysplasia"** is that given at paragraph 3(b) above.

Basis for determining the factors

4. 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 **fibromuscular dysplasia** or **death from fibromuscular dysplasia** and which can be related to relevant service rendered by veterans or members of the Forces under the VEA, or members under the *Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004* (the MRCA) is that set out in clause 5.

Factors that must be related to service

5. 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 **fibromuscular dysplasia** or **death from fibromuscular dysplasia** is inability to obtain appropriate clinical management for fibromuscular dysplasia.

Other definitions

6. For the purposes of this Statement of Principles:

"death from fibromuscular dysplasia" in relation to a person includes death from a terminal event or condition that was contributed to by the person's fibromuscular dysplasia;

"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), Sixth Edition, effective date of 1 July 2008, copyrighted by the National Centre for Classification in Health, Sydney, NSW, and having ISBN 978 1 74210 016 6;

"relevant service" means:

- (a) eligible war service (other than operational service) under the VEA; or
- (b) defence service (other than hazardous service) under the VEA; or
- (c) peacetime service under the MRCA;

"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

7. This Instrument applies to all matters to which section 120B of the VEA or section 339 of the MRCA applies.

Date of effect

8. This Instrument takes effect from 3 September 2008.

Dated this *twentieth* day of *August* 2008

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

KEN DONALD
CHAIRPERSON