

REVOKED

Statement of Principles

concerning

REITER'S SYNDROME

ICD CODE: 099.3

Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986
subsection 196B(2)

1. Being of the view that there is sound medical-scientific evidence that indicates that **Reiter's syndrome and death from Reiter's syndrome** can be related to operational service rendered by veterans, peacekeeping service rendered by members of Peacekeeping forces and hazardous service rendered by members of the Forces, the Repatriation Medical Authority determines, under subsection 196B(2) of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*, that the factors that must as a minimum exist before it can be said that a reasonable hypothesis has been raised connecting **Reiter's syndrome or death from Reiter's syndrome** with the circumstances of that service, are:
 - (a) suffering from an enteric bacterial infection not more than 90 days before the clinical onset of Reiter's syndrome; or
 - (b) suffering from a sexually acquired infection of the urethra not more than 90 days before the clinical onset of Reiter's syndrome; or
 - (c) suffering from an enteric bacterial infection not more than 90 days before the clinical worsening of Reiter's syndrome; or
 - (d) suffering from a sexually acquired infection of the urethra not more than 90 days before the clinical worsening of Reiter's syndrome; or

- (e) inability to obtain appropriate clinical management for Reiter’s syndrome.
- 2. Subject to clause 3 (below) at least one of the factors set out in paragraphs **1(a) to 1(e)** must be related to any service rendered by a person.
- 3. The factors set out in paragraphs **1(c) to 1(e)** only apply where:
 - (a) the person’s **Reiter’s syndrome** was contracted before a period, or part of a period, of service to which the factor is related; and
 - (b) the relationship suggested between the **Reiter’s syndrome** and the particular service of a person is a relationship set out in paragraph 8(1)(e), 9(1)(e), 70(5)(d), or 70(5A)(d) of the Act.
- 4. For the purposes of this Statement of Principles:

“**enteric bacterial infection**” means infection from bacteria, including *Shigella*, *Salmonella*, *Yersinia*, or *Campylobacter*, resulting in diarrhoea;

“**ICD code**” means a number assigned to a particular kind of injury or disease in the tenth edition of the *International Classification of Diseases* 9th Revision, effective date of 1 October 1993, copyrighted by the US Commission on Professional and Hospital Activities, and having the Library of Congress number 77-94472;

“**Reiter’s syndrome**” means a triad of symptoms comprising urethritis, conjunctivitis and arthritis, appearing concomitantly or sequentially associated with mucocutaneous manifestations of keratoderma blennorrhagicum, circinate balanitis and stomatitis, attracting ICD Code 099.3.

Dated this _____ day of _____ 1994

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

KEN DONALD
CHAIRMAN