

Statement of Principles  
concerning  
**DIVERTICULAR DISEASE OF THE COLON**

ICD CODE: 562.1

Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986  
subsection 196B(3)

1. Being of the view that, on the sound medical-scientific evidence available to the Repatriation Medical Authority, it is more probable than not that **diverticular disease of the colon and death from diverticular disease of the colon** can be related to eligible war service rendered by veterans and defence service rendered by members of the Forces, the Repatriation Medical Authority determines, under subsection 196B(3) of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*, that the factors that must exist before it can be said that, on the balance of probabilities, **diverticular disease of the colon or death from diverticular disease of the colon** is connected with the circumstances of that service, are:
  - (a) suffering from scleroderma before the clinical onset of diverticular disease of the colon; or
  - (b) inability to obtain appropriate clinical management for diverticular disease of the colon.
2. Subject to clause 3 (below) at least one of the factors set out in paragraphs **1(a) to (b)** must be related to any service rendered by a person.
3. The factor set out in paragraph **1(b)** applies only where:

