

Statement of Principles

concerning

ALKAPTONURIA

ICD CODE: 270.2

Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986
subsection 196B(2)

1. Being of the view that there is sound medical-scientific evidence that indicates that **alkaptonuria and death from alkaptonuria** 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 **alkaptonuria or death from alkaptonuria** with the circumstances of that service, are:
 - (a) suffering physical trauma before the clinical worsening of alkaptonuric arthritis; or
 - (b) inability to obtain appropriate clinical management for the alkaptonuria.
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 factors set out in paragraphs **1(a) and 1(b)** apply only where:
 - (a) the person's **alkaptonuria** was suffered prior to a period, or part of a period, of service to which the factor is related; and

