

# Statement of Principles

concerning

## **ALBINISM**

**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 **albinism and death from albinism** 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 **albinism or death from albinism** with the circumstances of that service, are:
  - (a) being exposed to ultra violet radiation before the clinical worsening of albinism; or
  - (b) the inability to obtain appropriate clinical management for albinism.
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) to 1(b)** apply only where:
  - (a) the person's **albinism** was contracted prior to a period, or part of a period, of service to which the factor is related; and

