

REVOKED

Statement of Principles

concerning

CONTACT DERMATITIS

ICD CODES: 692.0 - 692.6, 692.8, 692.9

Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986
subsection 196B(2)

1. Being of the view that there is sound medical-scientific evidence that indicates that **contact dermatitis and death from contact dermatitis** 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 **contact dermatitis or death from contact dermatitis** with the circumstances of that service, are:
 - (a) having direct cutaneous exposure to an agent acting as a cutaneous irritant immediately before the clinical onset of the contact dermatitis; or
 - (b) having direct cutaneous exposure to an agent acting as an allergen before the clinical onset of the contact dermatitis; or
 - (c) having direct cutaneous re-exposure to an agent acting as a cutaneous irritant or allergen immediately before the clinical worsening of the contact dermatitis; or
 - (d) inability to obtain appropriate clinical management for the contact dermatitis.

