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Amendment of Statement of Principles concerning **GASTRO-OESOPHAGEAL REFLUX DISEASE**

ICD CODE: 530.11, 530.2, 530.81

**Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986
subsection 196B(3)**

The Repatriation Medical Authority amends, under subsection 196B(3) of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* (the Act), Instrument No.122 of 1995 (Statement of Principles concerning gastro-oesophageal reflux disease) by:

1. omitting from paragraph 1(d) of that instrument the words, “**five days**” and inserting in their place the words, “**the 24 hours**”;

NOTE: The effect of this amendment is that paragraph 1(d) of that instrument is as follows—

“(d) undertaking a surgical procedure in the area of the lower oesophageal sphincter within the 24 hours before the clinical onset of gastro-oesophageal reflux disease; or”.

2. omitting from paragraph 1(f) of that instrument the words “**five days**” and inserting in their place the words, “**the 24 hours**”;

NOTE: The effect of this amendment is that paragraph 1(f) of that instrument is as follows—

“(f) suffering from Zollinger-Ellison syndrome within the 24 hours before the clinical onset of gastro-oesophageal reflux disease; or”.

3. omitting from paragraph 1(g) of that instrument the words, “**five days**” and inserting in their place the words, “**the 24 hours**”;

NOTE: The effect of this amendment is that paragraph 1(g) of that instrument is as follows—

“(g) having delayed gastric emptying within the 24 hours before the clinical onset of gastro-oesophageal reflux disease; or”.

4. omitting from paragraph 1(h) of that instrument the words, “**five days**” and inserting in their place the words, “**the 24 hours**”;

NOTE: The effect of this amendment is that paragraph 1(h) of that instrument is as follows—

“(h) having increased gastric pressure within the 24 hours before the clinical onset of gastro-oesophageal reflux disease; or”.

5. omitting from paragraph 1(q) of that instrument the words, “**five days**” and inserting in their place the words, “**the 24 hours**”;

NOTE: The effect of this amendment is that paragraph 1(q) of that instrument is as follows—

“(q) suffering from Zollinger-Ellison syndrome within the 24 hours before the clinical worsening of gastro-oesophageal reflux disease; or”.

6. omitting from paragraph 1(r) of that instrument the words, “**five days**” and inserting in their place the words, “**the 24 hours**”;

NOTE: The effect of this amendment is that paragraph 1(r) of that instrument is as follows—

“(r) having delayed gastric emptying within the 24 hours before the clinical worsening of gastro-oesophageal reflux disease; or”.

7. omitting from paragraph 1(s) of that instrument the words, “**five days**” and inserting in their place the words, “**the 24 hours**”.

NOTE: The effect of this amendment is that paragraph 1(s) of that instrument is as follows—

“(s) having increased gastric pressure within the 24 hours before the clinical worsening of gastro-oesophageal reflux disease; or”.

8. The amendments made by this instrument apply to all matters to which Instrument No.122 of 1995 and section 120B of the Act apply

Dated this *Thirteenth* day of *April* 1995

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

KEN DONALD
CHAIRMAN