

REVOKED

Statement of Principles

concerning

MALIGNANT NEOPLASM OF THE OVARY

ICD CODE: 183.0

Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986
subsection 196B(2)

1. Being of the view that there is sound medical-scientific evidence that indicates that **malignant neoplasm of the ovary** and **death from malignant neoplasm of the ovary** 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* (the Act), that the factors that must as a minimum exist before it can be said that a reasonable hypothesis has been raised connecting **malignant neoplasm of the ovary** or **death from malignant neoplasm of the ovary** with the circumstances of that service, are:
 - (a) being nulliparous immediately before the clinical onset of malignant neoplasm of the ovary, unless the nulliparous state is attributable to treatment with the oral contraceptive pill; or
 - (b) undertaking a course of therapeutic radiation involving the pelvic organs before the clinical onset of malignant neoplasm of the ovary; or
 - (c) being occupationally exposed to hair dyes before the clinical onset of malignant neoplasm of the ovary; or

- (d) inability to obtain appropriate clinical management for the malignant neoplasm of the ovary.
- 2. Subject to clause 3 (below) at least one of the factors set out in paragraphs **1(a) to 1(d)** must be related to any service rendered by a person.
- 3. The factor set out in paragraph **1(d)** applies only where:
 - (a) the person's **malignant neoplasm of the ovary** was contracted before a period, or part of a period, of service to which the factor is related; and
 - (b) the relationship suggested between the **malignant neoplasm of the ovary** and the particular service of a person is a relationship set out in paragraph 8(1)(e), 9(1)(e), 70(5)(d), or 70(5A)(d) of the Act.
- 4. For the purposes of this Statement of Principles:

“a course” means five or more episodes of treatment within a 125 day period;

“ICD code” means a number assigned to a particular kind of injury or disease in the tenth edition of the *International Classification of Diseases* 9th Revision, effective date of 1 October 1993, copyrighted by the US Commission on Professional and Hospital Activities, and having the Library of Congress number 77-94472;

“malignant neoplasm of the ovary” means a neoplastic growth arising from the cells of the ovary and includes epithelial, germ cell and stromal tissues, attracting ICD code 183.0;

“nulliparous” means having never given birth to a viable infant;

“oral contraceptive pill” means a compound taken in order to block ovulation and prevent the occurrence of pregnancy;

“therapeutic radiation” means medical treatment by irradiation to the person with gamma rays, x-rays, alpha particles or beta particles.

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