

Statement of Principles

concerning

INFLAMMATORY PERIODONTAL DISEASE

ICD CODES: 522.4 - 522.8, 523.0, 523.1, 523.3 - 523.5

Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986
subsection 196B(2)

1. Being of the view that there is sound medical-scientific evidence that indicates that **inflammatory periodontal disease** and **death from inflammatory periodontal disease** 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 **inflammatory periodontal disease** or **death from inflammatory periodontal disease** with the circumstances of that service, are:
 - (a) being a prisoner of war; or
 - (b) inability to maintain oral hygiene for a period of at least the 90 days immediately before the clinical onset of inflammatory periodontal disease; or
 - (c) inability to obtain appropriate clinical management for the inflammatory periodontal disease.
2. Subject to clause 3 (below) at least one of the factors set out in paragraphs **1(a) to 1(c)** must be related to any service rendered by a person.

